

SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
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KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
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Professor Lim Pin, NUSS Honorary Member

Mr S Dhanabalan, Chairman of NUSS Advisory Panel & Mrs S Dhanabalan

Management Committee

Sub-Committees

Fellow NUSS Members

Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome Address

- Good evening and thank you for taking time to join us at the NUSS Appreciation Dinner tonight. We hold this dinner every year, to specially recognise and show our appreciation to all members who have selflessly dedicated their time to contribute towards the Society.
- Tonight, we will be presenting the **Long Service Awards** to Sub-Committee members who have served the Society for 5 years and more consecutively. I am very appreciative for their dedication to the Society and thank them for their unwavering support throughout the years.
- We will also be presenting another two special awards this evening – the **NUSS Distinguished** and **Outstanding Member Awards** to members who have made significant and lasting contributions to NUSS, NUS and the wider community. Mr S Dhanabalan, Chairman of the Judging Panel, will be sharing with you more about the awards and will announce the recipients in the later part of the programme.
- On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank the judging panel for selecting the winners out of the many candidates, for the awards this year.

Looking back in 2016

- 2016 was yet another eventful year as we continued to engage our members through a range of:
 - Intellectual events: Such as the Meet-the-Ambassador Series and NUSS Public Lecture with Professor Shih Choon Fong.
 - Community events: Such as grocery shopping with the underprivileged elderly, fund-raising events such as Spinning for a Brighter Future and home visits.
 - Social events: Such as the NUSS Day, Christmas Light-up and New Year's Eve countdown party.
- These past events have allowed us to build closer bonds with our members and we hope to continue similar programmes in 2017.

Aims in 2017

- In 2017, the Society will look into building our membership base further, through new initiatives such as the Membership Lifecycle program to engage existing members and entice their relatives and friends to join us.
- More promotions and initiatives will also be developed to reach out to young graduates, as well as for existing members to enjoy the true value of their membership.
- Following the closure of Bukit Timah Guild House, we will also be working hard to identify potential facility options.

Conclusion

- Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the awards recipients tonight and thank everyone for your continued support and contributions to NUSS.

Let us strive to reach even further and make the experience at NUSS an enriching and fulfilling one!

- Thank you.