

SPEECH BY NUSS VICE-PRESIDENT MR EDWARD TAY
AT THE NUSS PROFESSORSHIP LECTURE 2017
21 March 2017, Tuesday
7pm at Kent Ridge Guild House

1. Address the audience

- Good evening Professor Timothy Colton, Management Committee members, fellow NUSS members, friends, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for taking time to join us tonight for the NUSS Professorship Lecture.

2. About the NUSS Professorship Lecture

- Before we begin the session tonight, I would like to share with you the background of the NUSS Professorship. The NUSS Professorship was established in 1996, with an endowment of \$1.5 million to fund talks by visiting professors at NUS. This is part of NUSS' efforts to contribute to the development of meaningful partnerships with our alma mater through academic pursuits.
- We're honoured and thankful to have professors from various universities around the world to visit and share their knowledge with us. This is the second NUSS Professorship lecture this year; we have had Professor Stephen Hawkins visited us in January and this evening, we are excited to once again invite members to join us for another fruitful session.
- Tonight, I am privileged to have Professor Timothy Colton, Morris and Anna Feldberg Professor of Government and Russian Studies at Harvard University and Chair of its department of Government, to share with us on the lessons of the Ukraine Crisis.
- I'm also grateful to Professor Huang Jing from - Lee Foundation Professor on US-China Relations and Director of Centre on Asia and Globalisation (CAG) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY School) who has kindly agreed to moderate the Q&A session.

3. Introduce the session

- The crisis of Ukraine has been the most prolonged and deadly crisis since its post-soviet independence, which began as a protest against the government. The rising tension impacts on all of us at several levels — there is a potential impact on the world economy, and therefore our economy as well.
- I trust that tonight, you will gain new insights of the crisis with Professor Timothy Colton and Professor Huang Jing. I also hope that the NUSS Professorship will continue to create a platform for an enriching intellectual discourse among our members, the NUS community and the public at large.

4. Thank you.