

**OPENING ADDRESS BY MR EDWARD TAY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON
AT NUSS NEW MEMBERS' AND MEMBERS' SOCIAL NIGHT
ON 11 APRIL 2007 AT SUNTEC CITY GUILD HOUSE**

Ms Grace Fu, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development;

New Members,

Fellow Members;

Colleagues on the NUSS Management Committee;

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening and thank you for joining us tonight.

1. Tonight, we have with us as Guest-of-Honour, Ms Grace Fu. Grace is no stranger to NUS. She graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours) degree in 1985 at NUS where she later obtained a Master degree in Business Administration (Gold Medal) in 1991. She went on to become CEO of Singapore Terminals, PSA Corporation Ltd and CEO, South East Asia & Japan PSA International Pte Ltd. In April 2006, Grace was elected as a Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC. Just as an aside, 14 out of the 24 newly elected parliamentarians in May 2006, are NUS alumni. Thank you, Grace for taking time off your busy schedule to grace our event.
2. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members. You have joined NUSS at the best time - when the entrance fee is at its lowest. On 2 March 2007, the entrance fee went up to S\$3,000. When the Alumni Complex opens at the end of the year, the entrance fee will go up even further - to \$4,000 and then to \$5,000 a year later. At the same time, exciting developments are underway. If you take a walk to around, you will see the construction of a \$32 million clubhouse. At Bukit Timah, plans are underway for the construction of a \$2 million clubhouse right on the fringe

of the Botanic Gardens. My Management Committee colleagues will brief you about these developments later.

3. It is an NUSS tradition to host a welcome dinner for all our new members. This is the perfect opportunity for you to get to know more about the extended graduate family that you are now an integral part of.
4. For our members, we operate three Guild Houses – our flagship Kent Ridge, our showcase Suntec City and Adam Park. Each of our Guild Houses has a unique character and ambience to meet the different needs of our members. You are joining us at a very exciting time when members can look forward to enhanced experience and facilities with the development of the Alumni Complex and Bukit Timah Guild House. Our CEO, Clara Lee will speak more about this later.
5. Here at NUSS, we recognise the multi-faceted lifestyle of our graduate members. To meet these diverse needs, we organise a spectrum of events and activities, such as sports and games, cultural performances, educational talks and forums as well as special interest group activities.
6. For example, the Continuing Education Sub-Committee regularly hosts talks, seminars and forums for members and their guests. One of its brainchild is the popular 'Food & Thought @ SCGH' series where prominent guests are invited to speak on various topics such as stock market investments, the art of negotiation other like topics. Members also get to savour a 3-course dinner before the talk begins.
7. For the sporty, we have numerous sports sections which are a gathering of fellow sports enthusiasts. The Golf Section, for example, is our largest section with close to 1,000 members. We are also constantly forming new

sections to address interests of our members, the latest being Floorball and the Running Club.

8. Members with a penchant for dance will also be pleased to know that we conduct regular dance classes – from Salsa to Tango and Ballroom Waltz. Tuesdays are dance nights at Kent Ridge Guild House's Ridge Bar for members to dance the night away.
 9. NUSS also takes care of your family. The NUSS Kids' Club was created especially for children five to twelve years of age and boasts loads of fun-filled activities for the various age groups.
 10. These and so much more are available to our members because at NUSS we cater to your diverse needs like no other social club. Joining an event not only promises you a good time, it is also the perfect casual setting for you to network with fellow graduates.
 11. That, ladies and gentlemen, is what NUSS is all about.
 12. Thank you.
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