

OPENING ADDRESS
BY MR CHANDRA MOHAN K NAIR, NUSS PRESIDENT
AT THE NEW MEMBERS' AND MEMBERS' SOCIAL NIGHT
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, 31 JANUARY 2007

My fellow NUSS members, guests, ladies and gentlemen – a very good evening to all of you.

1. I'm extremely heartened to see so many of you gathered here. Thank you for taking time to join us. Tonight's large turnout tells me that our Society continues to grow beyond our current 12,000 members. This is important, as Edward has rightly highlighted.
2. To serve our growing membership base, we at NUSS are also continually striving to improve our offerings to you.
3. A significant project in the pipeline now is the development of the Alumni Complex, in conjunction with NUS. A 'Home on Campus' for graduates past, present and future, the Alumni Complex will be more than just an architectural landmark. Its presence symbolises the lasting connection and symbiotic relations between the University and its growing alumni. My aspiration for the Alumni Complex, among others, is for it to be a constant reminder to all NUSS members of the first objective of our Society, that is, "to promote the interests and development of the National University of Singapore."
4. Another turning point in the Society's history is our impending return to the Bukit Timah Campus through a brand new Bukit Timah Guild House. The old University campus is a treasure trove of memories for many of our senior members, myself included. Our Society started as a humble establishment in 1954 and we moved to the Bukit Timah campus grounds

in the 1960s, first at Dalvey Estate and then at Evans Road. In the 1980s, we finally established our flagship guild house at Kent Ridge. It is said that old friends and old wine are best. Perhaps going back to our roots will also rekindle old friendships and bring back fond and happy memories.

5. The development of the Alumni Complex and Bukit Timah Guild House are significant milestones that will chart our Society's future. We are pleased to have so many of you join us at this juncture, as we forge bravely ahead. This is history in the making, and I call upon all of you to be an integral part of it.
6. My colleague, Johnny Tan, will speak in detail on these two exciting developments later.
7. As an important member of the NUSS family, there are numerous ways in which you can contribute. You may volunteer your expertise and knowledge by volunteering to serve on our numerous Sub-Committees, each of which look after a certain aspect of the Society. Those of you who are predisposed to can even stand for election to the Management Committee. Last but certainly not least, you can contribute to the vibrancy of our Society by simply taking an active interest in the events and activities that we organise. Slightly later, our Chief Executive Officer Ms Clara Lee, will speak to you on the myriad of events and activities we have to offer. I am most certain that there is something for everyone.
8. At this junction, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to my colleagues in the Management Committee. There are some of them who unfortunately are unable to join us this evening, and they send their regrets.

9. Present tonight are:

- Johnny Tan, Vice President
- Lai Kim Seng, Honorary Secretary
- Yee Woon Yim, Honorary Treasurer
- Wong Peng Meng, Assistant Honorary Secretary
- Siva Retnam, Assistant Honorary Treasurer
- Mohan Balagopal, Chairperson of External Alumni Relations Networking Sub-Committee
- Edward Tay, Chairperson of Membership Sub-Committee

10. With that, I would like to call on our Chief Executive Officer, Ms Clara Lee, to introduce our Secretariat management team to you.

11. Clara, please.

12. Thank you.
