

**OPENING ADDRESS BY MR EDWARD TAY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON
AT NUSS NEW MEMBERS' AND MEMBERS' SOCIAL NIGHT
ON 31 JANUARY 2007 AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

New Members, Fellows Members;
Management Committee Colleagues
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening and thank you for joining us tonight.

1. You have joined NUSS at the right time - when the entrance fee is at its lowest. On 2 March 2007, the entrance fee will go 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.
2. More than that, we are constantly working to grow the value of your membership. As we speak, two exciting developments are underway – the Alumni Complex and Bukit Timah Guild House. You will learn more about these later this evening.
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. We invite you to mingle with my colleagues in the Management Committee, members of the Membership Sub-Committee and representatives from the Secretariat office who have gathered here tonight to greet and meet you.
4. Members form the very essence of our Society. NUSS began some 50 years ago with a mere 44 members. We have come a long way. With the passion and tireless efforts of our members, we have NUSS as you know

it today – Singapore's oldest and largest graduate society with more than 12,000 members.

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, and provide a comprehensive range of facilities. Our Chief Executive Officer, Ms Clara Lee, will be giving an overview of these offerings slightly later.
 6. There is only one reason why we continually strive to improve our physical infrastructure and widen the scope of organised events and activities. That reason is you, our members.
 7. As a fellow member, I urge you to take on an active role and passionate interest in our Society. You will certainly find your time with NUSS more fulfilling and meaningful.
 8. Thank you.
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