

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR DAVID HO
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Fellow NUSS members and friends

Good evening everyone.

First of all, let me just trace back the history of *Commentary*, a little back to the years when it was one of the few publications that was of a quality that even other writers would talk about and NUSS is very proud of *Commentary*. In fact, I spent some time today talking to Mr Tan Siang Chik, our Past President, to have a better idea about the publication and was told that way back in 1994, an issue was written but not published. I think this was the lowest point for the publication. We then worked very hard, persuading writers and editors to contribute and resurrect *Commentary*. It was an onerous task, but our patience eventually paid off.

We are very happy when Associate Professor Victor Savage agreed to come onboard as *Commentary's* editor last year and he brought with him a group of very distinguished and interesting writers to contribute to a cross-section of various topics that is relevant to the development of Singapore. And the good thing is, of course, that Victor has agreed to continue with one more term and I am very grateful to him for that.

I am also delighted tonight because this is the first time that NUSS is holding a dialogue and appreciation session for the writers to share with us their thinking on the development of Singapore. So I suggest that you ask the writers questions so that we can have a feel about the reality of what is happening in Singapore and how they perceived it to be.

I hope you will enjoy the session and look forward to the next volume of *Commentary*. Also, I hope you will continue to contribute your ideas so that *Commentary* will be at its rightful place as a very important document of academic quality that befits the standards of NUSS.

Thank you very much.