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Mr Hsieh Fu Hua

Reverend Dr Yap Kim Hao

Professor Bernard Yeung

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Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening and a very warm welcome to our NUSS **Meet-the-CEO Dialogue Series**.

The **Meet-the-CEO Series** is a spin-off from our popular **Meet-the-Ambassador Series** where bilateral relationships and global developments are discussed candidly in closed door sessions.

The **Meet-the-CEO Series** aims to provide a platform for distinguished business leaders to share their **passion, knowledge and expertise** with members, and stimulate discussion on topical issues concerning **our lives, the business world and the environment**.

We are indeed privileged to have not one, but three esteemed speakers with us this evening.

About Hsieh Fu Hua

Our first speaker, **Mr Hsieh Fu Hua**, needs little introduction.

In his three decades as a highly respected captain of the financial services industry, **Mr Hsieh** has taken on many high profile positions such as CEO of **Singapore Exchange Limited**, founding partner of **Prime Partners Group**, President and Board Member of **Temasek Holdings**, and most recently Honorary Chairman of **SIAS** (Securities Investors Association Singapore).

Mr Hsieh is also a passionate arts supporter. He sits on the boards of **National Arts Council** and **National Arts Gallery**.

Mr Hsieh graduated from the **NUS Business Faculty** in 1974 and is no stranger to the NUS community. When he was based in Hong Kong in the late 90s, he played an instrumental role in laying the foundation for the overseas alumni chapter there.

He is also a member of the **NUS Board of Trustees**.

About Reverend Dr Yap Kim Hao

Next we have **Reverend Dr Yap Kim Hao** who is the first Asian Bishop of **The Methodist Church in Malaysia and Singapore** from 1968 to 1972.

Thereafter he became the General Secretary of the **Christian Conference of Asia**, an ecumenical organisation of over a hundred churches and national council of churches in Asia.

Reverend Dr Yap is also a Council Member of the **Inter-Religious Organisation** in Singapore, Pastoral Advisor to the **Free Community Church** and Chairman of the **Chen Su Lan Trust**.

About Professor Bernard Yeung

We also have with us this evening, **Professor Bernard Yeung** who is both the Dean as well as the **Stephen Riady Distinguished Professor** in Finance and Strategic Management at the **NUS Business School**.

Professor Yeung attained his MBA and PhD from the **University of Chicago's** famed **Graduate School of Business**, and has written extensively on corporate governance, finance, trade, foreign direct investment and business strategy issues.

Professor Yeung is also particularly interested in China's economic development.

Change and Transformation

As Greek philosopher, **Heraclitus**, once said, **change is the only constant**. Our three speakers tonight represent three different spheres of life: the business world, the spiritual world, and the academic world.

Undoubtedly, all of them have, in their respective careers, seen many challenges and changes which they have had to deal with.

The world of business is the most dramatic example of this. Religion and academia too, have evolved over time as new ideas gain traction and older ones fall by the wayside, even if they are much-cherished by some.

How do we deal with these changes and transformations as individuals, organisations and societies?

This evening we are indeed honoured and privileged to have **Mr Hsieh, Reverend Dr Yap** and **Professor Yeung** take time off their busy schedules to share their immense experiences and wisdom with us.

I'm sure you're just as anxious to hear them speak, so I won't hold you up much longer.

Let's put our hands together to welcome and thank our distinguished speakers for spending time with us ... and I wish you all an enjoyable and intellectually stimulating session.

Thank you.

