

**SPEECH BY NUSS VICE-PRESIDENT MR EDWARD TAY
AT THE NUSS ALL DAY PANEL DIALOGUE SESSION 2:
PREPARING CHILDREN AND PARENTS FOR THE NEW WORLD
14 APRIL 2018, SATURDAY
2PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

1. Address the audience

Distinguished panellists – Mr Mike Thiruman, Dr Khoo Kim Choo and Ms Geraldine Tan
Fellow NUSS members
Guests
Ladies and gentlemen

Good afternoon and welcome to the first-ever NUSS ALL Day! For those who were here earlier, I hope that you are enjoying yourself and have explored the many activities and booths set up around our Guild House.

Before we begin our second dialogue session of the day, I would like to thank a few parties who have made this event possible:

Firstly, please allow me to thank a few parties who have made NUSS ALL Day possible:

Our partner and sponsor - The Lifelong Learning Council, who has contributed towards the event through the LearnSG Fund;

Our esteemed panellists - Mr Mike Thiruman (General Secretary of the Singapore Teacher's Union), Dr Khoo Kim Choo (Pioneering Expert and International Consultant in Early Childhood and Founder of Preschool for Multiple Intelligences) and Ms Geraldine Tan (Founder and Principal Psychologist of the Therapy Room) for taking time off their busy schedule to share their expertise with us;

Our volunteers - the Active-Ageing and Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee and our Society members who have worked tirelessly to pull off the event;

And lastly, the Secretariat teams who have worked behind the scenes to tie this event together. Thank you for the great efforts and support!

2. About NUSS and the event

Having been a member of NUSS for over 2 decades, I have always believed that NUSS is more than just a club. Besides the plethora of facilities it offers, the Society aims to create a diverse range of activities and programmes to suit the varied interests of our members.

The ALL (Active Ageing and Lifelong Learning) Section we know of today was originally called S-Connect, and focused on the needs of our senior members. However, it has since been changed to ALL to reflect a change in mind set and intention towards engaging our younger NUSS members as well.

Today, I am glad to be part of the inaugural NUSS' ALL Day, a meaningful and all encompassing event created to bring a series of events and activities that would help us gain more knowledge about topics close to our hearts, one of which is the topic for this Dialogue session – Parenting.

3. Introduce the Dialogue Session

Today's Panel Dialogue session, "Preparing Children and Parents for the New World", was organised to help young parents and soon-to-be parents to not just understand the challenges of parenting but most notably embrace parenting as a joy.

Our renowned panel experts will explore how we can support our children through their education challenges and needs, and discuss tips on how to create the best learning opportunities for our children.

I am pleased to also introduce our moderator for today, Dr Alicia Altorfer-Ong, who is currently the Convenor for our Society's DramaWorks Section and also a loving mother of two children. With their expertise and firsthand experiences, I am confident that the session will provide you with valuable insights on a topic very close to your hearts.

I wish you all a stimulating panel discussion and look forward to interacting with you at the event later.

Thank you.