

OPENING ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
NUSS SUB-COMMITTEE WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION
INNER CHAMBER, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
25 OCTOBER 2018, THURSDAY, 7-10PM

Management Committee

Sub-Committees

Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome new Sub-Committee members

- Good evening and a very warm welcome to all. Thank you for taking the time to attend our Sub-Committees Welcome Cocktail Reception tonight.
- As I look around the room, I am encouraged to see many familiar faces who have once again stepped forward to serve in the various Sub-Committees.
- In addition, I am excited to see new Sub-Committee members who have enthusiastically volunteered to come onboard, and look forward to see what new perspectives and initiatives each of you will bring to the table this coming year.
- It is indeed a great privilege to be working with such a strong team of passionate people who willingly dedicate their time to contribute towards the Society.

Key Contributions by the Sub-Committees

- Having been a member for over two decades, I have witness the development of the Society. NUSS is so much more than a club. Besides offering an array of facilities and F&B outlets for our members to enjoy, the Society aims to provide a platform for fellow graduates and professionals to network and explore diverse interests through sports, intellectual dialogues, workshops and more.
- These can only be made possible through our Sub-Committees, Panels and Special Task Forces, whose passion and capabilities have given rise to wide-ranging activities and initiatives that serve to enhance members' experience and value-add to the Society.
- Our Active-Ageing and Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee has successfully introduced numerous workshops and courses over the past year. Our ongoing partnership with the National Silver Academy to offer a range of short courses to members and public has received an extremely good uptake rate and we have just received approval for 50 courses to be offered in the first half of next year.
- For the Alumni Development and University Relations Sub-Committee, they continue to maintain strong ties with our alma mater with collaborative events and programmes such as the NUSS-NUS mentorship programme and the NUSS-YST Music Appreciation Series. These initiatives serve to give back to our alma mater, connect with NUS students and strengthen

our bonds with the university. The Sub-Committee has also reached out to graduate associations around the world to establish relations and at the same time, provide reciprocal benefits to our members. The Youth Guild was established last year to reach out to the younger members in our midst, as well as the NUS undergraduates through informal activities and programmes.

- Our Community Care Sub-Committee aims to cultivate a Society of caring graduates, through consistent outreach to the wider community – particularly the underprivileged, through meaningful initiatives. Such activities include visits to nursing homes and participating in charitable events such as the NUS Day of Service.
- To promote awareness and appreciation for the performing arts and culture within the Society, our Cultural Sub-Committee has actively organised an array of events and activities which are often popular and well-attended by our members. Just a few weeks ago, our NUSS Choir performed their 20th Anniversary Concert at SOTA's Concert Hall, accompanied by guest choir Vox Camerata and da ka:po Orchestra.
- Our Intellectual Pursuit Sub-Committee spearheads activities that promote a vibrant intellectual Society which engages in national and international issues. This year, NUSS hosted our first ever NUSS Economic Forum, titled "Real Estate En Bloc Fever – How Much Hotter Can The Fever Get And Will It Last?", where three prominent industry experts gave their take on the current property market. Additionally, the Sub-Committee organised many Ministerial Dialogues and Professorship Lectures featuring distinguished speakers and renowned professors.
- Our Membership Marketing Sub-Committee continues to look for ways to value add to club membership through beneficial partnerships such as exclusive access to Dnata airport lounge facilities and True Fitness. The Membership Marketing Sub-Committee also seeks to formulate marketing strategies to expand the membership base.
- Our Membership Experience Sub-Committee aims to boost the long-term value of the Society's membership through the development of meaningful and engaging initiatives, along with enhancing the experiences of our members at the Guild Houses. This year, the Sub-Committee aimed to shape a vibrant business ecosystem for members through multiple networking initiatives with various business chambers and overseas business mission trips. To recognise and honour our members who have been long-time supporters of the Society, the Sub-Committee initiated the Members' Jubilee Night. Last month, close to 140 members come together to celebrate their 20th and 25th year anniversary milestone. The event also included members who received their life member status this year.
- With the many Sports Sections in NUSS, there is no lack of choice for our members who are looking to keep fit! Helmed by the Sports & Recreation Sub-Committee, the Sports Sections actively organise monthly section games, in-house tournaments and inter-club events. For members with a passion for diving, we have recently formed a new Scuba Diving Interest

Group. And just over the weekend, some of our members participated in the annual NUSS-PAUM Games, and I am happy to announce that we took home the winning title after three years!

- The remaining Sub-Committees form the backbone of the Society and help to support the general operations of NUSS. These include the Editorial Panel which ensures that our Society's publications remain engaging to our members, the Food & Beverage Sub-Committee which constantly enhances members' dining experiences, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee which maintain good conduct within the Society, the Information Technology Sub-Committee which ensures that the Club's IT systems and processes are efficient and current, and the Finance Sub-Committee which oversees the management of our funds.

Progression of Mandalay Road Guild House

- Since receiving the strong support from our members at the Annual General Meeting to proceed with the establishment of the new Guild House at 2 Mandalay Road, the Mandalay Road Guild House Task Force and the Secretariat have made positive progress towards having our new Guild House up and running.
- I am pleased to announce that NUSS has signed the tenancy agreement with Singapore Land Authority and we have commenced outfitting works on 1 October 2018. Our team has worked fervently, and aim to have our soft launch in January 2019.
- Members are encouraged to follow our Facebook and website for the latest updates on the new Guild House.

Upcoming membership drive

- We have proposed two resolutions to seek member's approval at the upcoming General Meeting on 29 October 2018.

Resolution 1

"That the entrance fee for persons who apply to join the Society as Ordinary Members or Associate Members during the period between the date of this resolution to that of the official opening of the guild house at Mandalay Road [to be named the Mandalay Road Guild House ("MRGH")] be:

- a. \$1,500 for those who join within 6 years; and
- b. \$2,800 for those who join after 6 years

from the year that they first obtain a degree or qualification which qualifies them to join as Ordinary or Associate Members."

Resolution 2

“That, subject to the variations during the periods set out in resolution 1, the entrance fee be \$2,500 for all persons who join the Society as Ordinary Members or Associate Members after 3 years but not later than 6 years from the year they first obtain a degree or qualification which qualifies them to join as Ordinary or Associate Members.”

- With the revised prices, we hope to attract more graduates to come on board. I would like to encourage all of you to attend the upcoming General Meeting which will be held next Monday , 29 October 2018, and vote in favour of the resolutions so that together, we would be able to expand on our NUSS family.
- I would like to kindly urge you to encourage your friends and family who are fellow NUSS members to attend this General Meeting as well, and support the proposed resolutions as we seek to continuously attract young graduates to join the NUSS family.

Thank you

- I believe that with common goals in mind, the support of a strong team of both new and experienced members, the Society will grow from strength to strength, and reach even greater heights this year!
- Ladies and gentlemen, once again, please join me to warmly welcome the 2018/2019 Sub-Committee members of NUSS!