

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
NUSS ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER 2019
DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
1 APRIL 2019, MONDAY**

1. Address the audience

Mr S Dhanabalan, Chairman , NUSS Advisory Panel

NUSS Honorary Members - Prof Lim Pin, Mr Wong Ngit Liong,
Professor Wang Gungwu

NUSS Past Presidents

Management Committee members

Sub-Committees Members

Fellow NUSS Members

Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Introduction

Good evening and thank you for your presence this evening. The Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinner is held annually, to thank and show our appreciation to our members who have dedicated their time and effort towards the Society.

Tonight, we will be presenting the Long Service Awards to Sub-Committee members who have served the Society for five years and more. We are grateful for their dedication to the Society and thankful for their unwavering support throughout the years.

We will also be presenting another two special awards this evening – the NUSS Distinguished and Outstanding Member Awards.

These awards are for our members who have excelled themselves and made notable contribution to NUSS, NUS and the wider community. You will hear more of their accomplishments and accolades during their respective citations.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to Mr Dhanabalan and Mr Gerard Ee for taking time to select this year's award recipients.

3. Looking back in 2018

Through the support and active participation of the various Sub-Committees, our members continued to enjoy another eventful year in 2018 through a wide range of events and activities which stimulate the mind, exercise the body and warm the heart.

The selfless and significant contributions by the Sub-Committee members are testament and hall mark of a gracious graduate society and I am proud to be part of the team.

Last month I attended an event organised by NUS Alumni Relations in partnership with NUS Student Affairs and the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre in their inaugural Seeds of Good @ NUS, this is a laudable effort to spur the students to contribute to society.

And in the same month, our very own Active and Life-Long Learning Sub-Committee successfully organised an ALL day with talks and workshops which focused on active ageing with a social purpose.

At both events, we heard inspiring true life stories of individuals being good Samaritans.

I am heartened that the young students and our members (who are young at heart) have a common mission to do good and make meaningful contributions.

4. Aims in 2019

This year will be an exciting year for the Society as we have just opened a new Guild House at Mandalay.

In less than two months from the soft opening on 8 Feb, we have received positive response and I understand that you need to make reservation for dinner.

Our Suntec City Guild House is doing well and we are exploring with the landlord for a longer lease.

We are also increasing our seating capacity for the popular Scholar Restaurant here at Kent Ridge.

But we remember that it is people who made up the club, and not bricks and mortar. I am confident that the Sub-Committee members, together with the Management Committee and the Secretariat led by CEO Mr Roy Higgs will continue to develop interesting and impactful programmes for our members and their families.

It is hard work but I believe that it pays off when we see increased participation and closer bonds among members, and to achieve our objective of fostering a live long relationship with our alma mater and the wider graduate community.

Conclusion

Once again, I would like to congratulate and commend the individuals who will be receiving their awards tonight and thank everyone for your support to NUSS.

Together we will make the experience at NUSS a truly enriching and fulfilling one.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Thank you!