

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
AT THE NUSS MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE 2019
14 AUGUST 2019, WEDNESDAY
7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

1. Address the audience

Mr Chan Chun Sing
Minister for Trade and Industry

Mr Hsieh Fu Hua
Chairman
NUS Board of Trustees

Distinguished guests

Fellow NUSS members

Good evening and welcome to NUSS!

First, please allow me to thank the Minister, for graciously agreeing to speak tonight on a timely topic – How Singapore can continue to navigate through challenges and build a stronger economy in the midst of a changing global economy.

NUSS is indeed honoured to have you here with us tonight. We know that August is a busy month and we thank you for making time with us.

As a graduate society, NUSS aims to promote the interests of our members and the wider graduate community by contributing towards Singapore's political and intellectual development. One of such ways is through Dialogue sessions that encourage intellectual discourse such as tonight's Ministerial Dialogue.

2. About the NUSS Ministerial Dialogue

The NUSS Ministerial Dialogue Series strives to provide a platform for esteemed leaders both locally and beyond our shores, to share their knowledge and insights into current topics and political issues that are of long term significance to Singapore and the community.

3. Introduce the session

As we are currently in what experts have termed as Industry 4.0, or Fourth Industrial Revolution – where new technologies and the digital age become more integrated in our daily lives, these changes are said to disrupt economies, industries and societies on a global scale. Singaporeans will have to be adaptable and flexible as technological advancements such as robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, The Internet of Things and autonomous vehicles become more prevalent. In addition, the global economic environment remains uncertain as there are tensions over trade.

Tonight, the Minister will share his invaluable perspective on how Singapore can continue to maintain its competitive edge and build a vibrant and dynamic economy.

Understand that the Minister will speak about 10 minutes and he would like to spend more time on the Question and Answer session. I expect that it would be a robust session given the good turnout.

I hope that at the end of the session, we will have a deeper understanding on how we as Singaporeans can navigate such challenges and build a stronger economy that would improve the lives of all Singaporeans and appreciate what the Government has been and will be doing.

I wish everyone an enriching and stimulating evening ahead!

Thank you.