

WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT, MR EDWARD S TAY
AT THE CULTURAL NIGHT DINNER
27 APRIL 2024, SATURDAY
7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE

NUSS Sub-Committee Chairperson Mr Daniel Chia and fellow MC members

Cultural Sections Convenors

Dr Fong Poh Him, Mr Tan Peng Yong, Mr Christopher Loh, Ms Agnes Ng

Fellow Members & Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the NUSS Cultural Night, as we conclude an exciting day filled with excitement, exploration, and artistic expression.

In the day, our four Cultural Sections - Choir, DanceSport, DramaWorks, and Music have organised meticulously crafted workshops and engaging activities, designed to captivate and ignite creative sparks. I hope you have enjoyed them, and perhaps this might be the first step of your artistic journey.

Driven by an unwavering passion for the performing arts, our four Cultural Sections have long been a cornerstone of the NUSS family, standing as pillars of creativity and self-expression.

The Music Section has been a nurturing ground for talented musicians since its establishment. The Grad Jam Night sessions at The Chill-Lab, showcases the diverse bands within our Society and their musical talents. These sessions have been extremely well attended, with many participating in the open mic sessions and dancing along to the live band performances.

The DanceSport Section brings together members with their common passion for dance. Apart from keeping active on the dance floor with the regular dance workshops and sessions, Dinner & Dances themed around festive occasions are also highlights of the DanceSport calendar.

The Choir Section has long been a familiar presence at major Society events, showcasing their musical talents both locally and more recently, internationally, with their successful concert tour to Brisbane last year. The annual Singathon event held last month was yet another success, with over 300 students in attendance. Participants forged bonds that transcended barriers of age and background, united by their shared passion for choral music.

The DramaWorks Section members have been actively showcasing their talents through musicals and skits at various NUSS and external events. They organise the DramaWorks Slam, a showcase event, and offer skill development opportunities like workshops on script writing, acting, and emceeing.

Today's event is aptly themed 'Kaleidoscope of Culture'. Indeed, each Section embodies its unique cultural element—music, dance, drama, and more, harmoniously blending together like the vibrant pieces of a kaleidoscope, creating a beautiful tapestry of unity amongst our NUSS community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Convenors of the four Cultural Sections. Your contributions are integral in shaping a closely knitted graduate community. I would also like to commend the Section members for your achievements in the past year. Let's forge ahead together towards greater heights.

Thank you.