

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD TAY
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME: APPRECIATION SESSION
17 & 24 FEBRUARY 2022, THURSDAY, AT 7.15PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

Good evening

Dean of Students, National University of Singapore, **Assoc Professor Ho Han Kiat**

Members of the Management Committee, NUSS

Deputy Chairperson of the Alumni Development Sub-Committee, **Mr Lee Hay Keong**

Ladies and Gentlemen

A warm welcome to everyone to tonight's appreciation session of the NUSS-NUS Mentorship programme for the academic year 2020/2021.

The academic year of 2020/2021 is the eighth year that we have organised this programme, which was launched in 2012.

In the current academic year 2021/2022, we have successfully matched a total of 116 mentors and about 186 mentees. This marks an increase from the previous academic year where we matched 105 mentors and 172 mentees.

The continued success of this programme would not have been possible without the generous support of our mentors.

To the mentors, especially to the 34 mentors who are repeat volunteers, we wish to thank you for investing the time and resources to guide the mentees and sharing with them the wealth of experience and professional expertise.

Thanks to your support, the programme is growing stronger and allowing us to foster a deeper connection with NUS.

Dr Foo Check Woo who mentored Ms Celine Cho Qi An from September 2020 till now, shared his testimony with us.

Dr Foo wrote: "It was a distinct joy for me to have this privilege of mentoring Ms Celine Cho Qi An from Environmental Engineering of NUS. The greatest testimony of the success of this mentorship is that we remain in communication long after the mandated mentorship period had concluded, and our active interaction continues into her current working life."

To our mentees, thank you for your participation and we believe that you have benefitted greatly in the programme -- be it in terms of personal or professional growth.

Hnin Azali, a Year 3 Computing student, said of her mentor, Theresa Tan, "She told me about her professional life journey and work ethic. Her principles align with my personal values and to hear from a female leader in technology empowered me."

Last but not least, we hope everyone have had a wonderful mentorship experience and have forged strong relationships with one another.

We strongly encourage all mentors and mentees to continue the mentoring relationship to reap the benefits of the partnership.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening.