

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD S TAY
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME: WELCOME DINNER
13 OCTOBER 2022, THURSDAY, AT 7.15PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, GUILD HALL**

Dean of Students at the National University of Singapore, Associate Professor Ho Han Kiat

Fellow NUSS Members

Mentors and Mentees

Good evening and a very warm welcome to the start of the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme for AY 2022/2023.

1. The Programme

NUS has always focused on enriching the university experience for its undergraduates. Recently, it has announced that it will ensure that even students will not be deprived of the experience of on-campus housing and overseas exchange programmes due to an inability to pay for them.

NUSS is privileged to make its small contribution to enriching the experience of the NUS undergraduates with the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme which is now in its 10th year. It was launched in AY2012/2013 as a partnership between NUSS and the NUS Office of Student Affairs. The broad objective of the programme is to connect the NUS undergraduates with the rich experience of our members in the industry.

When it was launched, the programme could be open to only a select group of students. Today, the programme is open to all NUS undergraduates. This year, we have matched a grand total of 153 Mentors with 250 Mentees.

2. Associate Mentors

We are also launching a new class of mentors, namely the Associate Mentors, this year.

Previously, our Mentors are members who have at least 10 years' experience. However, we recognise that it will be useful for our undergraduates to tap on the experience of those who have graduated more recently.

Our Associate Mentors are members who have between 5 to 10 years' experience.

We hope that our Mentees would be able to gain a more diversified perspective from mentors with a wider range of experience.

3. Conclusion

I will conclude by sincerely thanking our Mentors. We are grateful for your willingness to channel your time and effort in shaping and guiding the next generation.

To our new batch of Mentees, I hope you would be able to use this programme to gain insight and direction in your future career. May you find this mentorship journey a fruitful one!

Lastly, to Assoc Prof Ho Han Kiat and NUS' Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Thank you for making this longstanding partnership possible.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening!