

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
AT MEET-THE-AMBASSADOR SERIES WITH
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE
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7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

1. Address the audience

- **The Honourable Kirk Wagar**, Ambassador of United States of America to Singapore
- Fellow NUSS members, friends and guests
- Welcome and thank you for attending the NUSS Meet-the-Ambassador Series with Ambassador of United States of America to Singapore

2. About the Meet-the-Ambassador Series

- **The Meet-the-Ambassador Series** was first introduced in 2009
- The series aims to forge closer ties between NUSS and the foreign community in Singapore, providing members with a better understanding of local and foreign perspectives.
- It also provides a forum for ambassadors to share their insights on foreign policies and stimulate discussion on issues concerning foreign relations and global development.
- The U.S. Ambassador is the 13th foreign dignitary that NUSS has had the pleasure of inviting to speak to members.

3. Topic of the Talk

- This year marks the 50th year of diplomatic relations between United States of America and Singapore. These two countries have shared a comprehensive relationship with productive cooperation on economic, political and security issues over the years. This is evident in the various joint meetings and dialogues that have taken place, such as the Strategic Partnership Dialogue, which introduces new mechanisms to strengthen partnership and cooperation between the two countries.

- At this talk, we will celebrate this U.S.-Singapore partnership and the Honourable Kirk Wagar will also examine and give insights on the impact of this diplomatic relationship shared by the two countries and the Asia-Pacific region.
- As Singapore and America have maintained close bilateral ties over the years, with the latter being Singapore's top foreign investor and is also currently undergoing presidential election, I believe it will be interesting to have a comprehensive understanding of America's economic ties with Singapore and the rest of the region.

4. It is indeed our pleasure to have the Honourable Kirk Wagar with us today to share on such an insightful topic. Please enjoy and hope you have a great evening with us. Thank you.