

OPENING ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
NUSS SUB-COMMITTEES WELCOME DINNER
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
28 JULY 2017, FRIDAY, 6.30PM to 10PM

Management Committee
Sub-Committees
Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome new Sub-Committee members

- Good evening and a very warm welcome to all of you. Thank you for taking time to be part of the Sub-Committees welcome dinner this evening.
- It is very heartening to see so many familiar faces who are once again stepping forward to serve in the various Sub-Committees.
- I am also very encouraged by the enthusiastic response from new Sub-Committee members who have volunteered to come onboard to contribute fresh ideas and initiatives.
- It is indeed my pleasure to work with such a strong team of passionate people who selflessly dedicate their time to contribute to the Society.

Key Contributions by the Sub-Committees

- I've always believed that NUSS is more than just a club. Beyond offering facilities for members to enjoy, it also provides a platform for graduates and professionals to network and for families and friends to gather over meals, activities, sports, intellectual dialogues, workshops and more.
- These are made possible by the various Sub-Committees who come together to push forth activities and initiatives to enhance members' experience and grow the value of the Society. Tonight, I would like to take a moment to share with everyone on the efforts of our Sub-Committees.
- To foster a culture of active-ageing, lifelong learning and spirit of volunteerism, our Active-Ageing and Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee has successfully kick-started many workshops and courses for our senior members over the past year. Recently, the Sub-Committee has also gone further to partner the National Silver Academy and offer a range of short courses to members and public. These initiatives help the Society to reach out to our seniors and ensure they continue playing an active role in the community.
- Fostering a lifelong relationship with NUS remains one of the key goals of the Society and to help us fulfil this mission, the Alumni Development and University Relations Sub-Committee organises a range of programmes such as the yearly NUSS-NUS mentorship program and other networking events. These programmes help to connect our members with NUS students, thus strengthening alumni support towards our alma mater and deepening our bonds with the university.

- The Society also constantly reaches out to the wider community particularly the under-privileged through meaningful initiatives. This is done through the Community Care Sub-Committee which organises regular outreach events and activities to benefit the less fortunate. These include activities such as visits to nursing homes and taking part in charitable events such as the NUS Day of Service.
- To promote an interest in culture and arts among our members, the Cultural Sub-Committee organises a range of events and activities such as the DanceSport Line Dance Jam, DramaWorks Broadway Slam events, regular arts exhibitions and more. These events are usually popular and well-attended by our members.
- If you remembered earlier this year in April, we have had the honour to host our first ever foreign head-of-state; His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan who gave an engaging dialogue to our members. This was one of the many successful and significant events organised by the Intellectual Pursuit Sub-Committee. Other examples include the Ministerial Dialogues, Pre- and Post-General Election Dialogues and Professorship Lectures.
- The Membership Sub-Committee looks into enhancing our members' experience in NUSS, engaging in collaborations with business partners to provide benefits to our members such as exclusive members' accesses to Dnata and True Fitness. From April this year, we have introduced 2 Membership Sub-Committees: The Membership Experience Sub-Committee will look into fresh initiatives to improve members' experience at our Guild Houses while the Membership Marketing Sub-Committee will continue working with business partners to bring new benefits to members.
- With the many Sports Sections in NUSS, you can always find a way to be active! Under the stewardship of the Sports & Recreation Sub-Committee, the Sports Sections actively organise monthly section games, in-house tournaments and inter-club events. This year, we have introduced 2 new Sections; the Cycling and Running Sections. We hope to continue to promote active participation in sports & recreation among members.
- The remaining Sub-Committees form the backbone of the Society and help to support the general operations of NUSS. These include the Editorial Panel which ensures that publications are an engaging read to our members, the Food & Beverage Sub-Committee which constantly enhances members' dining experiences, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee which maintains good conduct within the Society, the Information Sub-Committee which ensures that system processes improve efficiency within the Society and the Finance Sub-Committee which ensures that our funds are properly managed.

Propelling the Society to Greater Heights

- I am glad that the Society has made positive progress (with the strong support from various Sub-Committees) in the past year and I hope to continue leading the Society to greater heights. Thus, in early July, the Management Committee and I have come together for a strategic meeting to discuss the significant areas of focus. My fellow Management Committee colleague, Mr Johnny Tan will share some of these key areas and the plans we have in place with you later.

Thank you

- I believe that with common goals in mind, the support of a strong team of both new and experienced members, the Society will see greater positive changes, and reach even greater heights this year!
- Ladies and gentlemen, once again, please join me to warmly welcome the 2017/2018 Sub-Committee members of NUSS!