# SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE AT MEET-THE-AMBASSADOR SERIES WITH AMBASSADOR OF INDONESIA TO SINGAPORE 25 SEPTEMBER 2017, MONDAY 7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE

## 1. Address the audience

- Good evening His Excellency (H.E.) Ngurah Swajaya, Ambassador of Indonesia to Singapore, fellow NUSS members, friends and guests.
- A warm welcome and thank you for attending the NUSS Meet-the-Ambassador Series tonight.

#### 2. About the Meet-the-Ambassador Series

- As part of the Society's mission to promote a vibrant intellectual Graduate community, the Meet-the-Ambassador Series was first introduced in 2009, where we would invite ambassadors to share their insights on foreign policies.
- The Series aims to allow members to gain knowledge on various national and international issues. This is done through stimulating discussions on both local and foreign perspectives, as well as opportunities for furthering bilateral relations and global development.
- We were privileged to have benefitted from the sharing of 14 foreign dignitaries to date.
- Tonight, we are indeed honoured to have H.E. Ngurah Swajaya join us as our 15th dignitary to speak at NUSS.

# 3. Topic of the Talk

- Singapore and Indonesia are not only neighbours by geography, but long term partners in areas such as trade, investments and defense.
- This year, both countries marked 50 years of enduring and mature bilateral relations.

- As we embrace new challenges in the ever-changing future ahead, it is important for both nations to strengthen our diplomatic ties to address the rising global economic tides.
- This evening, H.E. Ngurah Swajaya will share more about how both nations can continue working closely to identify opportunities for growth.

## 4. Invite H.E. Ngurah Swajaya on stage to give his talk

• It is indeed our pleasure to have H.E. Ngurah Swajaya with us tonight to engage our members on this topic. I believe it will be an enriching evening and hope everyone will walk away with fresh insights.

Thank you.