

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
AT MEET-THE-AMBASSADOR SERIES WITH
SWITZERLAND AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE
10 JULY 2017, MONDAY
7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

1. Address the audience

Good evening,

- His Excellency (H.E.) Thomas Kupfer, Ambassador of Switzerland 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

- **The Meet-the-Ambassador Series** was first introduced in 2009 with 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 foreign relations and global development.
- To date, H.E. Thomas Kupfer is the 14th foreign dignitary that NUSS has had the pleasure of inviting to speak to members.

3. Topic of the Talk

- Singapore and Switzerland may seem like 2 different countries given their unique histories and geographical distance.
- However, both are similar in many ways. Both Singapore and Switzerland have big neighbours, successful economies and place high importance on good governance, higher education as well as free trade.

- I believe the talk this evening by H.E. Thomas Kupfer will be an interesting and insightful one as he shares with us further on how both countries can learn from each other and build strong lasting ties together.

4. Invite H.E. Thomas Kupfer on stage to give his talk

- It is indeed our pleasure to have H.E. Thomas Kupfer with us today to share and discuss on this insightful topic.
- Please enjoy and hope you have a great evening with us. Thank you.