

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE  
AT THE NUSS ALL DAY PLENARY DIALOGUE  
AGEING WITH A SOCIAL PURPOSE  
23 MARCH 2019, SATURDAY  
10AM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

**1. Address the audience**

Distinguished panellists  
Fellow NUSS members  
Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning and a very warm welcome to NUSS ALL Day! I am happy that you have chosen to spend your Saturday with us.

**2. About ALL Day**

One key focus in NUSS has always been to engage members across all age groups and to cultivate relationships among members of diverse interests. For example, the Youth Guild was set up to reach out and engage members aged 35 years and below through various social, wellness, intellectual and lifestyle programmes. Another example is the Business Connect Section - a platform catered to business professionals for them to network and be updated on the latest global trends and opportunities.

For members aged 50 years and above, the Active-Ageing and Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee comes together to organise various activities and programmes such as today's ALL Day. This event aims to bring a range of activities focused on ageing with a social purpose to members and their families. Throughout the day, members can look forward to not just learning more about purposeful ageing at the plenary dialogue, but also networking and interacting with other members through various workshops, booths and lunch time performances!

Many are familiar with the saying "The best is yet to be ", especially those from ACS. It is believed that the words are taken from the poem Rabbi Ben Erza by Robert Browning and first two lines are -

*Grow old along with me  
The best is yet to be*

So all us can take comfort and be encouraged that as we grow older there are many willing hands helping us to learn and discover new things.

The NUSS ALL Sub-Committee also collaborates with the National Silver Academy to organise a range of short courses to NUSS members and the public. If you are keen, there will be preview sessions of some of these courses such as Introduction to Ukulele and Wine Appreciation later on in the day.

**3. Thank Partners & Supporters**

This is our second time running the NUSS ALL Day. And this would not have been possible without the support of many organisations and individuals.

Please allow me to thank a few parties who have made NUSS ALL Day possible:

Our partner and sponsor - The Lifelong Learning Council, who has generously contributed towards the event through the LearnSG Fund;

Our panellists who will be sharing their insights at the Plenary Dialogue “Ageing with a Social Purpose” – Dr Tan Lai Yong, Ms Susana Concorde Harding, Mr Koh Juay Meng and Ms Deng Yiming. Thank you.

Dr Francis Pavri, our moderator for today’s plenary session. Dr Pavri has been an active member in NUSS for many years and we are thankful for his active contribution to our Society’s activities.

Our organisers - the Active-Ageing and Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee chaired by Jeremy Seah and other Society members for their input and hard work contributed towards this event;

And lastly, the Secretariat teams who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to tie this event together. Thank you for the great effort and support!

It is my wish that through this event, you will gain valuable knowledge on areas you are interested in, and be able to spend some quality time with friends and family members as well. I wish you all an enriching and inspiring day ahead.

**Thank you.**