

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD S TAY
AT THE FIRESIDE CHAT WITH NUS PRESIDENT – CAN LEARNING BECOME A LIFELONG HABIT?
9 NOVEMBER 2022, WEDNESDAY, 7PM
DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

Professor Tan Eng Chye, President of the National University of Singapore and Honorary Member of NUSS

Distinguished guests

Fellow Management Committee and NUSS members

Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening everyone and welcome to NUSS. Thank you for taking the time to join us for tonight's fireside chat.

Introduction of the Speaker

Tonight's speaker requires not much introduction.

The architect of the academic system in NUS, Professor Tan Eng Chye is a passionate and award-winning educator who has seeded many initiatives such as the Special Programme in Science, the University Scholars Programme, University Town Residential College Programme, Grade-free Year, and Technology-enhanced Education.

Due to his firm support for NUSS and his contributions towards NUS and Singapore, Eng Chye was conferred the NUSS Honorary Membership in April this year.

About the Topic

Earlier this year, Eng Chye spoke at the first fireside chat titled, “Can the Future be Shaped?” on the topic of nurturing Singapore’s future graduates to be adaptable and resilient in the face of an interdisciplinary work environment.

He also highlighted the importance of lifelong learning to better equip graduates over the course of their work life.

NUSS is also passionate about encouraging lifelong learning and promoting the interests of its members and the wider graduate community.

We have an active event calendar filled with workshops and dialogue sessions by eminent professors and industry experts on various subject matters.

Our courses conducted in collaboration with the National Silver Academy (NSA) are specially curated to provide ad hoc learning opportunities whereby Singaporeans or PRs aged 50 and above are eligible for subsidies off course fees. Thousands of members and the public have attended our courses since our launch in 2017.

In this evening’s fireside chat, Eng Chye will elaborate more on the concept of having a learning mindset for life and share about the University’s initiatives to encourage the concept of learning as a continuous journey in life.

He will expound further on the University’s journey to overhaul its undergraduate and post-graduate models, and to support lifelong learning through initiatives such as the NUS Lifelong Learners’ Programme, Advance@NUS and more.

With his insights and expertise, I have no doubt that we will all gain a better perspective on the evolving work environment and the options available to upgrade one’s skillset.

Lastly, I would like to specially thank Mr Lai Kim Seng, our NUSS Past President and still an active Sub-Committee member, for agreeing to be our moderator for this evening's session. Kim Seng is a good poster boy for lifelong learning, having picked up conversational Mandarin organised by NUSS in collaboration with the NSA, and down the road, some other courses as well.

I wish you all an intellectually stimulating evening ahead!

Thank you.