

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD TAY**  
**NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT**  
**16 MARCH 2023, THURSDAY, 7PM**  
**KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

Dear Management Committee Colleagues and Fellow Members

On behalf the NUSS Management Committee, I would like to welcome all our new members to the NUSS family. The New Members' Night has been a regular feature and a joyous occasion on our calendar until the circuit breaker measures forced us to put it on hold. It is gratifying to bring it back.

With 3 clubhouses: Kent Ridge Guild House, Suntec City Guild House and Mandalay Guild House, you have made the right choice to join NUSS. Not many clubs can boast of 3 clubhouses strategically located around our island, bringing you a great number of facilities you can enjoy.

Our restaurants boast chefs who have won numerous international competitions. Our sports facilities can only be envied by many. We have a gym, an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis courts, squash courts and even badminton courts. There are not many clubs with badminton courts. Over at Suntec City Guild House, our members are also given access to the swimming pool and tennis courts run by Suntec City.

NUSS goes beyond the offering of the facilities at its club houses. You are also able to access numerous gyms run by True Fitness around the island and to access airport lounges usually accessible only by premium travellers or holders of premium credit cards. For the first time, NUSS has collaborated with NUS to offer its flagship Design Thinking Course to our members. We hope you can benefit from this free course. More details can be found on our website.

To cater to your various interests, our sports and cultural sections bring together members with similar interests. They are here tonight to share what they do. You will observe in a slide show later that our sports sections have done well in national and international competitions and our cultural sections in national level performances.

This year, the NUSS Choir, led by NUSS Choir Convenor, Dr Fong Poh Him, has been invited by Dr Graeme Morton from the University of Queensland, for performances and collaboration activities

with Australian choirs such as cultural exchange, sharing and choral development activities. The representatives from the NUSS Choir Concert will be doing their concert tours in Australia from 8 June to 19 June 2023.

NUSS is also different in that we are not just a club. We are also the premier alumni body of NUS and have kept our alma mater close to our heart. In 2013, we have pledged to donate at least \$250,000 a year for endowed bursaries for our needy students. Our pledges have seeded the formation of an Alumni Bursary Fund endowment which with the help of other alumni bodies, now stand in excess of \$25 million. To give you a perspective, every \$25,000 donated towards this fund enables NUS to grant perpetually a \$2,500 bursary to a needy student each year. Last year, NUSS set up a NUSS Bursary Fund, with the support of our golf section. I am pleased to share that we have raised \$716,000, thanks to the generous support of many well-wishers.

Before I end, I will share with you how NUSS is run. The strategic and policy direction of NUSS is set by the Management Committee, which is elected by our members. Many of my colleagues are here today and can be identified by their silver name tags. The day-to-day operations are run by our secretariat, which is headed by our Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Clara Tan who is assisted by 4 directors.

But NUSS is unique in that members with the right skillsets also can contribute in our governance and activities. On the governance and strategy, we have the Finance, F&B and Membership Sub-Committees. For the activities, we have Alumni Development, Communities of Practice, Cultural & Community Service and Sports & Recreation. If you are interested in any of these Sub-Committees, please indicate your interest when invited to do so, usually just before the AGM.

With that, I thank you for your time and have a wonderful evening.