

OPENING ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD S TAY
SUB-COMMITTEE APPRECIATION DINNER
20 APRIL 2023, THURSDAY

Management Committee
Sub-Committee Members
Ladies and Gentlemen

Introduction

- Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to all. Thank you for taking the time to attend tonight's Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinner.
- NUSS has been very fortunate to have many members who willingly volunteer their time and expertise in our Sub-Committees. As I look around the room tonight, I'm heartened to see many familiar faces who have stepped up to serve many years ago, and are still here serving in various capacities today. Tonight is your night!
- Later this evening, we will also be presenting the Long Service Awards to 17 members who have served in Sub-Committees for five years and more. We are grateful for their dedication to the Society throughout these years.

Contributions by the Sub-Committees in the past year

- The ease in COVID-19 restrictions in April 2022 brought about much relief to the Society after two years of limited social and recreational activities. In this past year, we have seen the Society steadily regain its usual state of liveliness and vibrancy.
- With the successful Member-get-Member membership drive, which concluded in November 2022, we are also pleased to welcome 900 new members into the NUSS family. It is our hope that these new members will come to view NUSS as their "home away from home". Besides enjoying our wide-ranging facilities and F&B outlets, the Society also aims to provide a platform for the graduate community to bond over events and activities.
- A big thank you to each and every one of you for using your capabilities and experience to spearhead activities and initiatives that would enhance members' experience and inject life into NUSS.

- The Alumni Development Sub-Committee that seeks to develop and cultivate strong bonds between the alumni community and our Society, has done well in spearheading the highly successful NUSS-NUS mentorship programme.
- The buzz is back in the Community Care & Cultural Sub-Committee, comprising the Community Care segment and Cultural segments. The Community Care segment has been actively organising outreach events to benefit the less fortunate, particularly our two adopted charities – Dover Park Hospice and Children’s Wishing Well.
- Driven by their passion for the performing arts are the four Sections – Choir, DanceSport, DramaWorks and Music, in the Cultural segment. Our Music Section recently reinstated their monthly Grad Jam Night sessions at The Chill-Lab. The DramaWorks and DanceSport Sections dazzled everyone with the Slam sessions, the workshops and D&Ds that they organised. As for our Choir, besides local concerts, they are set to take their vocal talent overseas soon – to Australia!
- The Communities of Practice Sub-Committee organised Green Living – GreenFest@NUSS last December, featuring workshops and booths geared towards encouraging more eco-friendly practices and a more sustainable future for everyone.
- Our Intellectual Pursuit Sub-Committee hosts numerous activities to promote a vibrant intellectual Society that engages in intellectual discourse, including Ministerial Dialogues and Professorship Lectures. At the Professorship Lecture held earlier this week, we hosted NUSS Visiting Professor, Professor Tan Tian Yuan, also a Shaw Professor of Chinese from the University of Oxford.
- Our Membership Sub-Committee that looks for ways to enhance the value of NUSS’ membership, has done well in establishing exclusive access to marhaba Lounge Services at Changi Airport and True Fitness gym. Its various initiatives in business networking opportunities have opened up many ways for members to forge new connections with like-minded professionals as well as business leaders.
- Lastly, the Sports & Recreation Sub-Committee that actively organises Section games, tournaments and inter-club competitions which help our members

stay physically and mentally active, have made their comeback with the Inter-Section Games and S&R Night held last Saturday.

- The remaining Sub-Committees and Panels had also played an important role in the Society. They include the Editorial Panel that ensures the quality of our Society's communications, the Food & Beverage Sub-Committee that looks for ways to enhance our Guild Houses' F&B experience and offerings, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee that maintains good conduct within the Society, and Finance Sub-Committee which oversees the management of our funds. Not forgetting, the Constitutional Review Committee that took on the task of updating the Society's Constitution in 2022.

Thank you

- Once again, I would like to congratulate those who will be receiving their Long Service Awards tonight, and thank everyone for your commitment and passion.
- With your dedication and expertise, we will continue to add value to the NUSS membership and grow from strength to strength in the year ahead!