

OPENING ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD S TAY
AT THE NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT
24 AUGUST 2023, THURSDAY, 7PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL

Dear Management Committee colleagues and valued new members,

On behalf of the NUSS Management Committee, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. New Members' Night, a bi-annual tradition, serves as a bridge to introduce newcomers into the vibrant NUSS community.

Choosing NUSS means choosing a lifestyle of distinction and opening a world that is abundant with networking opportunities. Our three Guild Houses – Kent Ridge Guild House, Suntec City Guild House, and Mandalay Guild House, provide the perfect backdrop for your business and leisure needs. From the array of restaurants helmed by skilled award-winning chefs to an impressive range of sports facilities such as a 50-metre-long swimming pool, tennis courts, a fully-equipped fitness centre, and more, NUSS goes above and beyond to provide a rich and diverse range of offerings to its members.

Our offerings extend beyond its Guild Houses. As an NUSS member, you will gain complimentary access to multiple True Fitness gyms across the island and exclusive airport lounges in Changi Airport, elevating your membership experience to new heights.

Moreover, we have partnered with many organisations to bring you a variety of members' benefits to add value to the NUSS membership experience. The full suite of benefits can be found on our website.

With the aim of fostering camaraderie and nurturing the varied interests of our members, we have cultivated a lively community of sports and cultural sections that bring together individuals with similar passions. These sections and interest groups regularly hold events and in-house tournaments, and many have participated and done well in national- and international-level competitions.

Earlier in June this year, our NUSS Choir embarked on a journey to Brisbane, Australia, following an invitation from Dr Graeme Morton, a distinguished figure in Australia's choral music scene, to perform and collaborate with several Australian choirs. This cultural expedition not only solidified the Choir's bonds of friendship and crafted indelible memories, but also exemplified the potential connections and experiences being part of our community can bring.

NUSS is also unique as it is not merely a club, but also the premier alumni body of NUS. Our commitment to giving back to our alma mater remains steadfast. We have regularly contributed towards endowed bursaries for needy students. Last year, the Society established the NUSS Bursary Fund, with the fundraising efforts of our Golf Section. Together with the NUS Office of Student Affairs, we also run the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme. This programme, which began in 2012, has provided a valuable platform for NUS undergraduates to seek career advice and industry guidance from NUSS members with the relevant work experience.

To our new members, we acknowledge that becoming part of our esteemed community might have raised certain concerns, particularly in light of the recent adjustments to our subscription fee. We want to assure you that this decision was made after extensive deliberation. As custodians of this organisation, we are dedicated to exercising financial prudence and ensuring that every investment made serves the best interests of our members and enriches their membership experience.

Allow me to shed light on our organisational structure. The Management Committee, elected by our members, steers NUSS's strategic trajectory and policy framework. NUSS members with specific expertise play a vital role in our governance through various Sub-Committees, ensuring your voices are heard and your ideas are valued. Our day-to-day operations are skilfully overseen by our Secretariat, led by Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Clara Tan, and supported by a team of dedicated staff members.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you to delve into the multifaceted offerings of NUSS, connect with fellow members, and contribute your distinct talents to our collective growth.

Thank you for choosing NUSS. I extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for being here tonight. May this evening mark the beginning of countless wonderful experiences, enriching friendships, and shared achievements.

Have a wonderful evening ahead.