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KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

Associate Professor Ho Han Kiat, Dean of Students of the National University of Singapore

Management Committee Colleagues

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Our alma mater, the National University of Singapore, continues to rank high internationally. This year, Times ranked NUS 19th in the World and 3rd in Asia while QS ranked us 8th in the world and 1st in Asia.
2. NUS is also the first in Singapore to offer tuition free education to undergraduates from families with a PCI of \$1,000 and below. For students from families with a PCI of \$690 or less, NUS also gives each student a living allowance of \$4,000 per year and up to \$10,000 to fund their on-campus residence and exchange programmes. NUS also offers cross disciplinary programmes to give undergraduates the flexibility to pursue programmes across disciplines to enable its students to benefit from the expertise available on our campuses.
3. The difference between a good university and a great university is its ability to go beyond what can be imparted in the classroom or the labs. To this end, NUS has mentorship programmes across the campus (we are not the only one) which connect its students with the invaluable experience of its alumni and other supporters outside of the campus. NUSS is privileged to be among the first to support NUS in such programmes. Launched in 2012 and in collaboration with the NUS Office of Student Affairs, the NUSS-NUS Mentorship

Programme pairs the undergraduates with our NUSS members who have the relevant experience to share.

4. The programme originally limited our mentors to our more senior members with at least 10 years of industry experience. However, both Han Kiat and I recognise that those who have graduated more recently could potentially share experience which is more relevant to our undergraduates, and we have now included mentors with at least five years' experience under our associate mentors' scheme.
5. I will end of by ending my sincere gratitude to our members for investing your time and effort in shaping and guiding the next generation. I would also encourage our mentees to derive a transformative experience providing insight, direction and fruitful connections.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening!