

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON  
MR SONNY YUEN  
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME: APPRECIATION DINNER  
27 OCTOBER 2023, FRIDAY AT 7.00PM  
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

**Address the audience**

Good evening

- Vice Dean of Students, NUS, Associate Professor Chan Tze Law
- Members of the Management Committee, NUSS,
- Members of the Alumni Development Sub Committee,

**Welcome**

Welcome everyone to tonight's appreciation dinner for the NUSS-NUS Mentorship programme. It is very encouraging to see many mentors with your mentees here tonight, we hope you had a wonderful mentorship experience and have forged strong relationships with one another.

**Appreciation Speech**

Launched in AY2012/2013, the mentorship programme initially featured mentors with over a decade of industry experience. Acknowledging the valuable insights of recent graduates, the program has been expanded to incorporate a new category of mentors - associate mentors with a minimum of five years of experience.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year since we started this programme as a platform for students to share and learn from mentors for their holistic development.

This year's mentorship cycle features 134 mentors, including 22 associate mentors, matched with 210 enthusiastic mentees.

A special commendation goes to our returning mentors, accounting for 75 individuals, which represents 66% of our mentors in the 2023/24 academic year. Your steadfast commitment plays a pivotal role in our program's growth, enabling us to forge stronger ties with NUS.

The continued success of this program owes its gratitude to the relentless dedication and support of our mentors. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to those mentors who have invested their valuable time and resources in shaping our mentees into exceptional individuals by sharing their wealth of experience and professional expertise.

To our mentees, we trust that your participation has yielded personal and professional growth, preparing you for the journey beyond graduation.

Lastly, we hope you have relished this mentorship experience and will continue to nurture meaningful connections and robust networks among one another.

As the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme embarks on another year, the collaborative spirit between NUSS and NUS remains vibrant, providing an ever-evolving platform for fortifying connections with the Society and its cherished alma mater.

Thank you and enjoy your evening.