

## **WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDWARD S TAY**

### **AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPRECIATION DINNER**

**2 APRIL 2024, TUESDAY, 7PM**

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

#### **1. Address the Audience**

Management Committee  
Sub-Committee members  
Ladies and Gentlemen

#### **2. Introduction**

Good evening and a warm welcome to the Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinner. Tonight, we gather to express our deep gratitude to our valued sub-committee members, whose tireless efforts have enriched our Society.

Later, we'll be presenting Long Service Awards to those who have served faithfully for five years or more. Your dedication has been invaluable, and this dinner is our humble tribute to each of you. Thank you for your unwavering passion and commitment over the years.

#### **3. Looking back in 2023**

In 2023, NUSS offered a plethora of delightful experiences, from the White Christmas Band Showcase to the NUSS Water Carnival and S&R Night. Highlights included the Karaoke competition, DanceSport Night, "Shared Horizons" choir concert, and the 37th Annual Golf Tournament. Culinary experiences were enhanced with revamped menus at The Café on the Ridge, The Restaurant @ Mandalay, and The Bistro at Suntec, offering a festive culinary journey. The inaugural Christmas Party at The Ridge Bar was a hit, and live music returned to The Chill-Lab, featuring NUSS' resident bands, with the Music Section hosting more monthly Jam sessions.

NUSS celebrated key wins and achievements across its various sub-committees.

- Led by the Alumni Development Sub-Committee, the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme facilitated meaningful exchanges between students and the graduate community, with 134 mentors supporting 249 mentees.
- The Community of Practice Sub-Committee prioritized sustainability, hosting the 2nd GreenFest@NUSS and an enlightening talk on environmental responsibility.
- The Cultural Sub-Committee saw success in events like the Amazing Cup Ballroom Dance Open Championship and the revival of live music at The Chill-Lab.
- Spearheaded by the Intellectual Pursuit Sub-Committee, NUSS organised impactful events such as lectures by experts and dialogues with Presidential Candidates, enriching intellectual and civic life.
- The Membership Sub-Committee focused on enhancing membership value through partnerships with True Fitness and Changi Airport lounges.

#### **4. Celebrating Achievements and Triumphs of 2023**

In 2023, Sections under the Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee excelled and secured notable victories across different disciplines. From tennis to squash, badminton to billiards, and bowling to darts, NUSS athletes showcased outstanding skills and teamwork throughout the year. Additionally, the Bridge team represented Singapore at international competitions, while the

Pickleball Section gained diverse playing experiences through participation in external games. With commendable performances and championship titles across multiple sports, NUSS demonstrated its commitment to excellence in sports and recreation.

- Tennis: 1st Runner-up at the 28th AIS Inter-Alumni Tennis Tournament.
- Squash: CHAMPION title in the National Squash League 2023.
- Balut: The overall champion in the Inter-Club Balut Competition
- Badminton: Achieved victories against NUSS – Law Society and NUSS – Warren Country Club
- Billiards: In the National Snooker League, the Division 4 team placing 3rd and the Division 5 team placing 7th.
- Bowling: "NUSS Bowler of the Year" at the Masters Bowling Competition.
- Bridge: 4th position in the National Bridge Open Team Tournament and represented Singapore at the 19th Asian Games.
- Darts: The championship title at the Steel Tip Darts Annual Competition.
- Squash: Top positions in both seasons from "Veterans 1" and "Veterans 2" teams.

## **5. Closing**

In 2024, NUSS marks its 70th Anniversary with a focus on fiscal responsibility and philanthropy. We commence celebrations by supporting NUS Plant-It-Forward Challenge. Your support has enabled significant contributions to the NUS Alumni Bursary Fund and NUSS 70th Anniversary Bursary.

The 70th-Anniversary celebrations aim to blend enjoyment for our members with charitable engagement, featuring events like the NUSS Lecture, NUSS Day, a golf charity event, and culminates with our traditional year-end party.

My heartfelt thanks to all Sub-Committee members for their invaluable contributions in strengthening our Society over the past year. Let's forge ahead together towards greater achievements!

Thank you.