

WELCOME ADDRESS
BY, NUSS PRESIDENT, MR TONG HSIEN-HUI
AT THE NUSS MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE WITH MINISTER INDRANEE RAJAH
WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025, 7:00 PM
DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE

Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and National Development
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening. I would like to thank you all for taking the time to join us for the Ministerial Dialogue on the Budget 2025. I would especially like to thank Minister Indranee for taking time off her busy schedule to engage with us on this topic.

At NUSS, we are dedicated to fostering thought leadership, intellectual discourse, and lifelong learning. As Singapore celebrates its 60th year of independence, we recognise that our path forward is not only about achieving economic growth, but also about nurturing a society that is inclusive, forward-looking, and resilient in the face of future challenges. The SG60 Budget reflects this commitment—introducing key measures that strengthen family support, enhance workplace flexibility, and build economic resilience. These priorities align with our mission at NUSS to cultivate a strong sense of community, contribute meaningfully to society, and remain attuned to the evolving needs and aspirations of Singaporeans.

A key highlight has been our Budget talks, where we've hosted several ministers, including Ms Grace Fu (2008), Mr Lim Swee Say (2009), Mr Lawrence Wong (2012), Mrs Josephine Teo (2013), Mr K. Shanmugam (2014), Mr Ong Ye Kung (2017), and Mr Chan Chun Sing (2019). These dialogues have been pivotal in fostering meaningful discussions on Singapore's economic direction.

Given the geopolitical turmoil, I believe that tonight's dialogue with Minister Indranee will be especially relevant. We look forward to an engaging and insightful exchange.

Thank you.