

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON,
MR DANIEL CHIA,
ON BEHALF OF NUSS PRESIDENT MR TONG HSIEN-HUI,
AT THE PRE-GENERAL ELECTION DIALOGUE 2025,
TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2025, 7PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

**Ms Anthea Wong, Former Nominated Members of Parliament,
Associate Professor Walter Edgar Theseira, Former Nominated Members of Parliament,
Distinguished Guests,
Fellow Members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a privilege to welcome you to the Pre-General Election Dialogue 2025.

We are honoured to be joined by Ms Anthea Ong and Associate Professor Walter Theseira, both former Nominated Members of Parliament (NMPs), who bring rich insights and valuable perspectives from their time in Parliament. We are also delighted to welcome them back to NUSS, having previously engaged with us in 2023 at the dialogue, “What is the Parliament that Singaporeans Deserve in the Next 50 Years?”

As we approach the upcoming General Election, tonight’s session—jointly presented by NUSS and *Mothership*—is especially timely. We will explore the relevance of the NMP scheme and examine the key issues shaping Singapore’s political landscape in the lead-up to GE2025.

At NUSS, we are deeply committed to fostering thought leadership and informed discourse on national issues. In recent years, we have hosted impactful sessions such as the 2020 Pre-General Election Forum and the 2023 Meet the Presidential Candidates Series, providing our members with meaningful opportunities for direct civic engagement.

As Singapore continues to navigate an evolving socio-political landscape, it is important to reflect on how our institutions serve the public. The Nominated Member of Parliament scheme, introduced in 1990 to broaden representation in Parliament, has now been in place for over three decades. Tonight provides a timely opportunity to revisit its purpose, relevance, and impact.

This marks the first of many Pre-General Election Dialogues to come. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for future announcements, as we continue to spark meaningful conversations about Singapore’s political future.

Thank you.