

WELCOME ADDRESS
BY NUSS PRESIDENT, MR TONG HSIEN-HUI
AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPRECIATION DINNER
TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 2025, 7PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL

Management Committee
Sub-Committee Members
Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good evening to all of you, and a warm welcome to our Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinner.

Tonight, we come together to celebrate and thank our dedicated Sub-Committee members for your invaluable support in enriching the NUSS experience.

In this milestone 70th Anniversary year, your contributions made it truly memorable—raising \$70,000 through the Plant-It-Forward Challenge and \$777,000 at the Charity Golf event. We were honoured to host Minister Chan Chun Sing at the dinner, DPM Heng Swee Keat at NUSS Day, and cap off a successful year with a well-received 70th Anniversary Lecture.

Vibrant Cultural and Social Activities

2024 was a vibrant year of community and celebration, with events like Cultural Night, S&R Night, Oktoberfest, and the first Christmas Party at The Ridge Bar. Jam Sessions, DramaWorks workshops, and other Sub-Committee initiatives further strengthened member engagement and camaraderie.

- The Alumni Development Sub-Committee facilitated the 12th NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme, pairing 124 mentors with 223 mentees, fostering meaningful intergenerational connections.
- The newly formed Communications & Technology Sub-Committee enhanced the member experience through the launch of the revamped NUSS website and the inaugural Member Survey.
- The Community Care Sub-Committee reaffirmed our commitment to social responsibility through initiatives like Project Sweet Dreams, a collaboration with the People's Association and Zhenghua Community Club, delivering 100 mattresses to families in rental flats. The Back to School Project, in partnership with our adopted charity Children's Wishing Well, equipped 100 children with essential school supplies.
- The Cultural Sub-Committee marked several proud milestones, including a first-place win by DanceSport member and Sportswoman of the Year, Ms June Foo, as well as a successful overseas choral exchange to Suzhou and Xiamen, which concluded with the Annual Choir Concert, *Echoes of Home*.
- The F&B Sub-Committee continued to refresh food offerings and oversaw the opening of the Retail Shop and Lobby Lounge.
- The Intellectual Pursuit Sub-Committee championed thought leadership through hallmark events, including the 70th Anniversary Lecture with YAB Dato' Onn Hafiz Ghazi, *In Conversation with George Yeo*, the NUSS Professorship Lecture with

Professor Uri Gneezy, and the Commentary Dialogue featuring former President Madam Halimah Yacob.

- The Membership Sub-Committee launched the Live It Up with NUSS campaign, drawing 614 new members.

Sports & Recreation Excellence

Our Sports & Recreation Sections have flown the NUSS flag high with outstanding achievements, both locally and abroad.

- The Badminton team placed 5th in the 16th Inter-Club Masters League and hosted the inaugural NUSS Invitational Prime Masters League.
- The Balut team finished runner-up in the Inter-Club competition.
- The Billiards team secured 3rd place in Division 4 and 6th in Division 5 of the National Snooker League.
- The Bowling team organised the NUSS Masters Bowling Competition, with Jovan Lee named Bowler of the Year.
- The Bridge team placed 2nd in the National Bridge Open and SG Inter-Club Festival, also representing Singapore at the 19th Asian Games.
- The Golf Section upheld tradition and supported NUSS' philanthropic efforts through events such as the President & Ang Pow Challenge and the 70th Anniversary Charity Golf.
- The Pickleball team had a commendable year, earning medals at the World Pickleball Championship Series in Bali, delivering a strong performance at the Jubilee Invitational, and securing multiple podium finishes at the Thailand Pickleball Open—achievements that earned them the title of *Sports Section of the Year*.
- The Squash team excelled in the National Squash League, with "Veterans 1" placing 2nd and 3rd, and "Veterans 2" taking the top spot.
- The Table Tennis team achieved its first victory at the NUSS-PAUM Games and was the only section to secure a win for NUSS—an effort that earned them the title of *Most Promising Section*.
- The Tennis team saw the Men's D Grade emerge as champions, while the Ladies' B Grade finished as runners-up in the Singapore Tennis Association Inter-Club events.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this remarkable year, let us carry this momentum forward—strengthening connections, cultivating vibrancy, and deepening our sense of purpose as a graduate society.

This evening, we are also proud to present Long Service Awards to members who have dedicated five or more years of service to our Society. Your loyalty and commitment are a testament to the strength and continuity of the NUSS spirit.

To all our Sub-Committee and Sections members working tirelessly in support —thank you for your unwavering dedication, passion, and partnership. It is because of you that we continue to grow, evolve, and thrive as a community.

Thank you, and please enjoy the evening.