

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY
ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON, MR EUGENE TAN,
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME AY2025/2026: WELCOME DINNER
7 OCTOBER 2025, TUESDAY, 7.00PM,
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

Ms Joan Tay-Wong, Senior Director of the Centre for Future Ready Graduates at the National University of Singapore
Fellow NUSS Members,
Mentors and Mentees

Good evening, mentors, mentees, distinguished guests, and friends of NUSS and NUS.

Welcome to the **13th cycle of the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme, Academic Year 2025/2026**. It is heartening to see **175 mentors** guiding **250 mentees** this year - a testament to the value of mentorship across our communities.

Since 2012, this programme has connected hundreds of mentors with thousands of mentees, creating opportunities to learn, grow, and build meaningful connections. Mentorship is more than guidance; it is a catalyst for perspective, confidence, and personal development.

A key strength of this programme is the diversity of our mentors - spanning healthcare, finance, law, sustainability, design, and academia. Whatever your aspirations, you can find insights and guidance tailored to your journey.

Our efforts focus on three core objectives: **Holistic Development** - broadening perspectives beyond the classroom; **Career Readiness** - equipping students with skills to transition confidently into the workplace; and **Networking** - fostering connections that last well beyond graduation.

To our mentors: thank you for your generosity and commitment. Your guidance shapes the growth of individual mentees and strengthens the wider graduate community.

To our mentees: approach this journey with curiosity and openness. Ask questions, share your perspectives, and embrace the opportunity to learn from your mentors. The insights you gain and the relationships you build can guide your personal and professional growth for years to come. And as you move forward in your careers, I hope you will one day return to this programme — to give back as mentors yourselves, and continue this meaningful cycle of learning and support.

This year also marks a new chapter, as **NUSS partners for the first time with the Centre for Future Ready Graduates at the National University of Singapore**. I extend my sincere appreciation to **Ms Joan Tay-Wong, Senior Director, Ms Jacqueline See, Senior Associate Director, and Ms Tao Mingjie, Assistant Manager**, for their invaluable collaboration and

support. My thanks also go to the members of the **NUSS Alumni Development Subcommittee** for their dedication in making this programme a success.

As we embark on the 13th cycle, I look forward to seeing the positive impact we will create together - in lives changed, paths clarified, and connections strengthened across generations of NUS graduates.

As we begin this year, let us embrace it with purpose and openness—shaping a mentorship journey that will be truly transformative for all.

Thank you, and may every mentor and mentee find inspiration, growth, and fulfilment in the year ahead.