

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS VICE-PRESIDENT II
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AT THE NUSS PROFESSORSHIP LECTURE – HEALTHCARE BEYOND SICKCARE
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL, 6.30PM
19 MARCH 2026, THURSDAY**

Professor Richard Goossens,
Moderator Professor Cees de Bont,
Distinguished Guests, Fellow NUSS members
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening, and welcome to tonight's NUSS Professorship Public Lecture on *Healthcare Beyond Sickcare*.

For those joining us for the first time, the NUSS Professorship was established in 1996 through a \$1.5 million endowment to bring eminent scholars from diverse disciplines to share their insights with the NUS community and the wider public. The programme reflects NUSS' commitment to strengthening engagement with the University through academic exchange while fostering lifelong learning among our members.

Over the years, the Professorship has welcomed distinguished scholars across a wide range of fields. Last year, behavioural economist Professor Uri Gneezy explored how incentives shape human decision-making and how thoughtful incentive design can influence behaviour and outcomes.

In 2023, plant biologist Professor Luan Sheng spoke on food security in the face of climate change, highlighting the need for sustainable agricultural innovation to support a growing global population.

This breadth of perspectives reflects the spirit of the NUSS Professorship — bringing together ideas from different disciplines to inspire dialogue and new ways of thinking.

We are honoured to have **Professor Richard Goossens** with us this evening. His work brings together engineering, medicine, data science and the social sciences to reimagine how healthcare systems can move beyond treating illness towards promoting health, well-being and accessibility.

Our moderator this evening is Professor Cees de Bont from the College of Design and Engineering at NUS.

We hope you find this evening's lecture inspiring and thought-provoking. Please join me in warmly welcoming Professor Richard Goossens.

Thank you.