

**OPENING ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT
MR TONG HSIEN-HUI
AT THE NUSS NATIONAL DAY AWARD DINNER
13 NOVEMBER 2025, THURSDAY, 7PM
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, INNER CHAMBER**

NUSS Past Presidents
National Day Award Recipients
Fellow NUSS Members
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening,

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome all of you to this Celebratory Dinner—an evening dedicated to recognising our esteemed members who have received the National Day Awards 2025. Tonight, we come together not just to celebrate personal achievements, but to honour the values that define leadership, commitment, and service in Singapore.

The National Day Awards recognise individuals who have made significant contributions to our nation’s development, and this year, over 60 NUSS members are among the distinguished recipients. Their achievements remind us that the spirit of excellence, dedication, and community that characterises Singapore is deeply reflected within our own Society.

I would like to extend special congratulations to our distinguished members who have been conferred the nation’s highest honours this year:

Mr Tan Gee Paw, recipient of *The Order of Nila Utama*, and
Mr Tan Chong Meng and Professor Tan Tee How, recipients of *The Meritorious Service Medal*.

We are especially delighted to have Mr Tan Chong Meng with us this evening - thank you for joining us and for inspiring us through your leadership and dedication.

The accomplishments of these individuals embody the values of excellence, integrity, and public service that inspire our community.

On behalf of the NUSS Management Committee, I extend our warmest congratulations to all our awardees. We are proud to count you among our members. Your successes encourage us to give our best, uplift those around us, and make a difference wherever we live, work, and serve.

At NUSS, we remain committed to fostering service, learning, and camaraderie within our graduate community. Through our dialogues, charitable initiatives, and partnerships with the wider NUS alumni network, we uphold our mission of contributing meaningfully to society and nurturing tomorrow's leaders.

As we celebrate your achievements tonight, let us also reflect on what they represent - the power of giving back, leading by example, and of building a legacy that benefits generations to come. Each act of service, no matter how small, strengthens the tapestry of our nation's progress.

This evening, let us celebrate not only your distinctions, but the collective spirit of NUSS - a Society bound by shared ideals and a common desire to make a lasting impact.

Congratulations once again to all our awardees. May you continue to uplift and inspire others through your leadership, passion, and service.

Have a wonderful evening, and enjoy the dinner.