

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY
ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON, MR EUGENE TAN,
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME AY2026/2027: WELCOME DINNER
14 SEPTEMBER 2026, MONDAY, 7PM,
KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL**

**Ms Jacqueline See, Senior Associate Director of the Centre for Future-Ready Graduates at the National University of Singapore,
Fellow NUSS Members, Mentors, and Mentees,**

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

Tonight marks another significant milestone as we enter the **14th year** of this meaningful collaboration with NUS. Since 2012, this programme has provided a valuable platform for students to learn, exchange perspectives, and grow alongside our experienced alumni.

I am delighted to share that our mentorship community continues to grow. Compared to last year, we have seen a **23% increase in student participation** - welcoming **308 mentees**, up from 250. To support this growing interest, our mentor network has also expanded by **more than 8%** to **190 mentors** - comprising 184 Mentors and six Associate Mentors. This continued growth is a strong testament to the value of the programme and, more importantly, to the enduring spirit of giving back within our graduate community.

A special note of gratitude goes to our NUSS members who have generously volunteered their time, knowledge, and experience as mentors. Mentorship goes far beyond career advice. By sharing your experiences and perspectives, you help broaden our students' horizons, strengthen their career readiness, and build professional networks that can continue well beyond their university years.

To our mentees, approach this journey with curiosity and openness. Engage actively, ask thoughtful questions, and make the most of your mentors' insights and experiences.

I hope the relationships you build will stay with you, and that one day, you too will return as mentors to pay it forward.

I would also like to express our appreciation to the Centre for Future-Ready Graduates at NUS, particularly Ms Jacqueline See, for their continued partnership and commitment to empowering our students.

My sincere thanks also go to the NUSS Alumni Development Sub-Committee for their dedication and hard work in bringing this 14th cycle of the programme to life.

I wish every mentor and mentee an inspiring, meaningful, and fulfilling year ahead.

Thank you, and enjoy the evening!