

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (2023/2024),
MR SONNY YUEN
AT THE NUSS-NUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME: MID-YEAR GATHERING
TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024, 7.05 PM
CLUNY, DALVEY AND EVANS FUNCTION ROOM, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

A very good evening to the Members of the Alumni Development Sub-Committee.

NUS Office of Student Affairs

Mentors and Mentees

Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the annual NUSS-NUS Mentorship Mid-Year Gathering. This event is jointly organised by NUSS and NUS Office of Student Affairs.

It's heartening to see many of the mentors here with their mentees.

The NUSS-NUS Mentorship Programme was launched in AY2012/2013 as a platform for students to share and learn from mentors in their holistic development. For this year's cycle, we have a total of 134 mentors and 177 mentees.

As we reach the mid-year mark of the programme, it's been six months since mentors and mentees were matched. I hope everyone has been having a rewarding experience thus far and has had the chance to not only connect with each other but also with other mentors and mentees.

Tonight's gathering is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our mentoring journey. It's a chance to appreciate and acknowledge each other, while also sharing valuable knowledge to support the mentees in their professional and personal development.

Mentees, I trust that you've found this programme beneficial, offering insights into what to anticipate post-graduation.

Mentors, it's wonderful to have you all here again, and we deeply appreciate your ongoing support. The next intake for mentors will begin shortly, and it would be fantastic if you could continue to lend your support to this programme. Your dedication in guiding NUS students is invaluable and contributes to a smoother transition from university to the workforce.

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of NUSS and giving back to our Alma Mater has always been one of our key priorities. I hope that more enduring ties can be forged through the Mentorship Programme, as we continue to build a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Mentees, you may note on your table on the Category B membership for NUS students. You may wish to consider being our members to connect like-minded peers and experienced members, fostering valuable networking opportunities and enriching experiences.

Wine appreciation is a key component of the NUSS mentorship gathering, offering a refined touch to the event. Alongside mentor-student interactions aimed at holistic development, it provides a platform for social networking and information exchange, enhancing the overall experience.

We hope you will enjoy tonight's wine appreciation session.

Thank you all for your participation and have a wonderful evening.