

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**NUSS 70th Anniversary Charity Golf 2024: Marking a Milestone with a Commitment to Philanthropy**

**12 August 2024** – The National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) is targeting to raise \$700,000 through the 70th Anniversary Charity Golf, a pivotal event in our 70th Anniversary Celebration. The actual amount raised will be revealed during the event. This is pivotal in funding the NUSS Bursary Fund, which offers NUS students transformative educational opportunities through the NUS Enhanced Financial Aid Scheme (EFAS), irrespective of their backgrounds. We are honoured to have Minister Chan Chun Sing as our Guest of Honour for this significant event. During the dinner, NUSS President Mr Tong Hsien-Hui will present a cheque for the raised amount to NUS Provost & Deputy President Professor Aaron Thean and Chairperson of the Alumni Student Advancement Committee Mr Seah Cheng San.

**Building a Legacy of Giving: NUSS Bursary Fund**

Our commitment to philanthropy is deeply ingrained in NUSS' mission. The NUSS Bursary Fund, established in 2022, exemplifies our dedication to not only providing financial assistance but also fostering a culture of giving and nurturing the next generation of leaders.

The establishment of the NUSS Bursary is part of our broader fundraising efforts to support the NUS Alumni Bursary Fund (ABF) Campaign. This endowed bursary at the National University of Singapore (NUS) was launched with an initial funding of \$641,000.

Our previous charity golf events have set high benchmarks for success. In 2022, we raised \$641,000, including a \$100,000 matching contribution from the Tote Board, making it the highest amount ever raised in our charity golf history. This achievement was crucial in supporting the ABF Campaign, which fosters a spirit of giving and provides essential financial aid to needy students.

The ABF Campaign, initiated by NUS alumni in 2013, is supported by NUSS through an annual pledge of up to \$250,000. To date, NUSS has contributed \$2.25 million towards this campaign, which has collectively raised over \$25 million. The NUSS Bursary, along with other endowed bursaries under the ABF campaign, will be funded from investment income rather than principal capital. For every \$25,000 donated, NUS can award perpetual bursaries of approximately \$2,500 annually.

Additionally, the \$40,000 raised from the NUSS Charity Golf in 2022 was allocated to support two of our adopted charities: Children's Wishing Well (CWW) and Dover Park Hospice (DPH), with each receiving \$20,000. This allocation underscores NUSS' commitment to supporting education for low-income students while also addressing broader community needs.

The funds from the NUSS 70th Anniversary Charity Golf 2024 will continue this legacy. Every \$25,000 raised provides an annual grant of about \$2,500 in perpetuity, ensuring tuition-free education for students from families in the 30th percentile of per capita income and additional support for those in the 15th percentile. Through upholding meritocratic values and promoting equal opportunities, we strive to give every student a fair chance to succeed and inspire them to contribute back to society, reflecting our commitment to a more inclusive community.

### **Celebrating 70 Years of Enduring Ties and Building Legacies**

2024 marks a significant milestone for NUSS as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary with the theme, "70 Years of Enduring Ties and Building Legacies." Throughout the year, we are hosting a diverse range of events, including charitable initiatives, intellectual engagements, and celebratory gatherings, showcasing the strength and shared values of our community.

Our celebrations began with the "Plant-It-Forward Challenge" on 27 January 2024, emphasising our commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement. For every \$1,000 donation, a tree was planted, raising \$70,000 for the NUSS 70th Anniversary Bursary.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host the NUSS Lecture on 18 September 2024, featuring Dato' Onn Hafiz Ghazi, Menteri Besar of Johor. This event will focus on the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone and his vision for Johor-Singapore relations, continuing our tradition of engaging with prominent figures, including past speakers like Mr George Yeo and Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong. The grand finale of our 70th Anniversary celebrations will be NUSS Day in November 2024 at Kent Ridge Guild House, promising a day of fun, laughter, and camaraderie with activities and games for all ages, along with delightful culinary experiences.

### **Commitment to Education and Community**

“The 70th Anniversary of NUSS is not just a moment to reflect on our achievements but a reaffirmation of our commitment to shaping a brighter future for Singapore,” said Mr Tong Hsien-Hui, President of the National University of Singapore Society. “Through our contributions to the NUSS Bursary Fund, benefiting needy students, we hope to build a legacy that empowers future generations to make a positive impact on society.

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE SOCIETY (NUSS)**

NUSS is the foremost graduate alumni society of the National University of Singapore (NUS), with around 15,000 members, primarily alumni of NUS and other accredited universities.

Officially established in 1954, NUSS has undergone several revisions in name – the University of Malaya Society (1954), the University of Singapore Society (1962) and finally the National University of Singapore Society (1981), as it is known today.

With an extensive network of graduates frequenting its three Guild Houses in Kent Ridge, Suntec City and Mandalay Road, NUSS endeavours to provide its members with a vast network of opportunities with fellow graduates and professionals as well as premium social, recreational and dining facilities.

At NUSS, we foster a lifelong relationship with NUS and the wider graduate community by promoting the interests of our members and NUS. We contribute to Singapore's political and intellectual development and help cultivate a more gracious social and cultural environment.

Our commitment to thought leadership includes organising lectures and forums with global thought leaders, fostering a vibrant intellectual community engaged with national and international issues, and facilitating lifelong learning through various social, wellness, and intellectual activities.

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