



# TAKING NUS TO GREATER HEIGHTS

New President and  
Provost share their  
vision and ideas  
with NUSS



# TAKING *the lead*

Newly appointed NUS President, Professor Tan Eng Chye, and Senior Deputy President and Provost, Professor Ho Teck Hua – both of whom are also NUSS members – share their hopes and goals for the University and Society.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR APPOINTMENT?

**Prof Tan:** It is a great privilege to be the next President of NUS. Professor Tan Chorh Chuan has been an excellent President, and it is an honour to build on his outstanding work.

**Prof Ho:** I am excited about the “Tan-Ho Partnership”. Eng Chye and I have known each other since our undergraduate days at NUS, and we work very well together. As Eng Chye’s wingman, my role is to support him as we further transform this University.

## TELL US BRIEFLY WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE FOR NUS.

**Prof Tan:** Building on the good work of its past leaders, we will vigorously pursue our strategy of nurturing future-ready graduates, strengthening lifelong education, as well as delivering impact in education and research. I look forward to working closely with Teck Hua and the NUS community, as well as the leadership team at NUSS, to grow NUS’ reputation as a top university.

**Prof Ho:** As Singapore’s flagship university, it is important that NUS continues to develop and deepen its strengths in research to tackle complex challenges confronting Singapore and the world, and to create novel solutions. Our focus

will always be on creating value for Singapore and Singaporeans, and we look forward to NUSS’ continued support in these areas.

## WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER PLANS FOR THE UNIVERSITY?

**Prof Tan:** One of my immediate priorities is to shape NUS into a place for every learner. As the national university, we aim to set the standard for lifelong learning. We have been greatly encouraged by the overwhelming response to the Lifelong Learning Initiative for NUS Alumni (LLINA), and are looking into freeing up about 5,000 places a year and 25,000 in five years for this initiative. We hope to make access to LLINA very liberal, beyond our alumni.

**Prof Ho:** I hope to create an enriching, lifelong community of learning; one that not only prepares our students well for their initial careers, but supports them at every key stage of their working life. This can only be done together with the NUS community, and so we look forward to working with NUSS to further engage with our alumni.

## WHAT AREAS CAN NUS BUILD ON OR ENHANCE?

**Prof Tan:** To continue to be among the world’s great universities, we must further

accelerate NUS’ transformation by driving innovation across talent development, education that is future focused, and research that has impact on lives and society. We can also expect more adult learners in our classes in line with our holistic approach to lifelong learning. Pedagogies may need to be changed or even reinvented to enhance learning outcomes for a more diverse class of learners.

### PROFESSOR TAN ENG CHYE *Appointed NUS President on 1 January, 2018*

Member, Board of Directors, Defence Science and Technology Agency, Ministry of Defence

Member, Board of Governors, NUS High School of Mathematics and Science

Member, International Advisory Council, Southern University of Science and Technology in China

#### Credentials

Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in Mathematics, NUS

Master of Science in Mathematics, Yale University

PhD in Mathematics, Yale University



### PROFESSOR HO TECK HUA *Appointed NUS Senior Deputy President and Provost on 1 January, 2018*

Executive Chairman, AI Singapore

Chairman, Singapore Data Science Consortium

Board Member, National University Health System

#### Credentials

Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering, NUS

Master in Computer and Information Sciences, NUS

Master of Arts in Decision Sciences, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

PhD in Decision Sciences, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

**Prof Ho:** The future of work in Singapore and around the world is changing rapidly, and so must the way we impart knowledge and learn. For NUS to continue to influence the future, we need to explore fresh ideas and pioneer new initiatives, so that NUS’ education, research and service contributions remain innovative and relevant to Singapore, Asia and the world.

## WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO NUS AND NUSS ACHIEVING TOGETHER?

**Prof Tan:** I hope we will continue to have a warm and familial relationship with the Society in the years ahead. Teck Hua and I also look forward to working hand in hand with the NUSS leadership to further advance our relationship for the benefit of NUS and our alumni.

**Prof Ho:** NUSS has been a supportive partner in our efforts to

engage with our alumni. We hope to see more alumni who are NUSS members participate in our initiatives, and support our students and graduates wherever and whenever possible. Eng Chye and I would like to extend our collaborative relationship with NUSS and explore opportunities that benefit both organisations. We look forward to NUSS’ continued support for the University’s initiatives. ■