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Dear alumnus,

NUS Resilience and Growth (R&G) Initiative: Assisting the Graduating Class of 2020

As we adapt to the extended circuit breaker period in Singapore, we hope you are keeping well and meaningfully engaged while staying at home.

The past few months have been tumultuous. Amid this pandemic, the Class of 2020 will find themselves graduating in a challenging job market. As a university, it is paramount that we look after the well-being of our graduands and support their journey during this difficult time.

NUS has launched a 'Resilience and Growth' (R&G) Initiative today that aims to help our graduates to skill up, develop professionally and secure good employment. The R&G Initiative offers: (1) 1,000 full-time salaried positions and paid traineeships in diverse professional roles in multiple fields; (2) a comprehensive suite of courses and programmes to sharpen graduates' competencies. The Initiative provides meaningful employment and development opportunities so that NUS graduates can kick-start their careers and prepare themselves for exciting opportunities in the future.

At least 1,000 students from the graduating class will benefit from job opportunities and traineeships offered by the University, the National University Health System, our affiliated start-ups and the rest of the NUS ecosystem. While at work, these graduates can take up certification courses that will help increase their market relevant skills.

Other graduates can also spend their time profitably by taking up lifelong learning programmes under a special catalogue of 150 CET courses and more than 20 certificates of competency. Each student in the graduating cohort is given up to 26 training days to take courses offered under the R&G Initiative, for free. Those who choose to do a Master's programme may defer the payment of course fees, interest-free, for up to 3 years from the date of enrolment. To find out more about the R&G Initiative, please visit: nus.edu.sg/CFG/RG.

However, there is only so much that NUS can do alone. Hence, we call upon you, our alumni to rally together in support of our graduating class of 2020. Bright and talented, we are confident that they will be able to create value for your organisation.

If you or your organisation have the capacity to hire fresh graduates and/or trainees, please reach out to hire@nus.edu.sg at NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates. Under the recently launched SGUnited Jobs and Traineeships schemes, the Government will co-fund a major portion of the manpower costs. Together as #OneNUS, we will rise to the occasion.

With best wishes,

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