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New President and Provost share their vision and ideas with NUSS
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 (LLINIAI), and we are looking into freezing up about 5,000 places a year and 25,000 in five years for this initiative. We hope to make access to LLINIAI 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.

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.

CREDENTIALS
Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in Mathematics, NUS
Master of Science in Mathematics, Yale University
PhD in Mathematics, Yale University

Executive Chairman, AI Singapore
Chairman, Singapore Data Science Consortium
Board Member, National University Health System

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

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