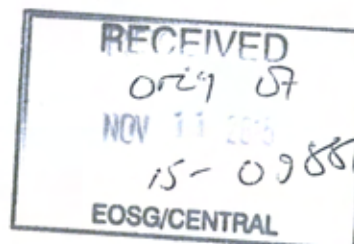




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6 November 2015

Mr Ban Ki-moon  
 Secretary General of the United Nations  
 United Nations Headquarters  
 760 United Nations Plaza  
 New York, NY 10017  
 USA



Dear Excellency

### INVITATION TO SPEAK AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

I had the great pleasure and honour of meeting Your Excellency at the Global Colloquium of University Presidents at the University of Pennsylvania in 2011, and still recall the overwhelming response of the student audience to your address there.

This was, and continues to be, most appropriate in the light of your outstanding leadership of the United Nations which has contributed to advancement in many areas, especially climate change, global education and health, and the eradication of poverty.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartiest congratulations as the United Nations celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. It is a source of optimism for the future, how the leaders of the world have pledged their renewed commitment to the values of the United Nations and to multilateralism as a way to safeguard the wellbeing of peoples and our planet. It is also truly impressive how your leadership has galvanized 157 Heads of States to agree on "Transforming our World - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

I understood from Dr Noeleen Heyzer, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National University of Singapore (NUS), that Your Excellency is considering a visit to Singapore sometime next year. While you are in Singapore, I would like to extend a warm invitation to Your Excellency to give an address at the National University of Singapore to our students, faculty members and alumni. It would be a great honour and privilege for members of the NUS community to learn from, and to have the opportunity to interact with, you.

The National University of Singapore is the flagship university of Singapore. Our vision is to be "A leading Global university centred in Asia, influencing the future". Our strategic goals and initiatives have been guided by this aspiration, and have been recognized by our being ranked as the top university in Asia and consistently among the best universities in the world. I have taken the liberty to attach a brochure that introduces NUS briefly.



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Our university will be celebrating its 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016. In such a special year, it would be a special privilege for members of NUS to have the opportunity to benefit from the deep and special insights that only Your Excellency can share. In particular, we would be keen to learn how we, as the leading university in Asia, might be able to contribute towards the success of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

I would like to thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our invitation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chorh Chuan'.

TAN Chorh Chuan  
President

Copy to:

Dr Noeleen Heyzer, member NUS Board of Trustee

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