

Address by Ms Mavis Khoo
Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore Topping-Up Ceremony
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Good Morning Minister of Health Mr Khaw Boon Wan; Her Excellency US Ambassador Patricia Herbold; Dr Tony Tan, Patron, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Development; Mr Tony Chew, Chairman of Duke-NUS GMS Governing Board; Professor Tan Ser Kiat, Chairman of Duke-NUS Development Committee; and distinguished guests.

On behalf of the trustees of the Estate of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, I would like to thank the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School for inviting us to this topping up ceremony. Today, we gather here to lay the foundation for pioneering research initiatives to help Singapore achieve the status of a vibrant biomedical hub.

This 'Topping Up Ceremony' is symbolic of the on-going partnership between the Estate of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat and Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School's quest to establish top-quality research and clinical care programmes in Singapore. Together, we have come a long way to make the vision of turning Singapore into a leader in biomedical research hub in Asia, a reality.

I would like to acknowledge the vision of my late father, Khoo Teck Puat, at this juncture, for his relentless pursuit, continuous support and commitment to accelerate the developments in the biomedical area in Singapore. We wish to carry forward his legacy through the distribution of funds centered on medical, including research projects, healthcare and education.

I would like to congratulate Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and hereby extend our support to their first-step towards assuming a leadership position in research, academia and healthcare.

Thank you.