



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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PRESIDENT

**O**n behalf of the SMU Community, let me first congratulate Mr Piyush Gupta on his appointment as Chairman of the SMU Board of Trustees.

We have every confidence that he will lead SMU remarkably in our next phase of development.

I look forward greatly to working with Mr Gupta and the Board of Trustees and will

rely on their astute guidance and strong support as I extend my term as President of SMU and work with my colleagues to realise SMU Vision 2025 and seek new meaningful challenges in the years ahead.

I also wish to thank Mr Ho Kwon Ping, our Founding Chairman, and convey our deepest appreciation to him for all that he has done for SMU. His entrepreneurial thinking and his willingness to challenge convention led

to invaluable insights and refreshing new practices that have helped to shape our University into the innovative institution that it is today.

In 2022, SMU made a significant commitment to pursuing and promoting sustainability with the launch of the SMU Sustainability Blueprint. I was delighted by the enthusiasm with which this commitment was welcomed by students, faculty, staff, and the broader SMU community. Sustainability is vital to people and planet. I am inspired by the way we have continued to make meaningful impact by

being mindful of sustainability in all our activities on and off campus, and through education, research and thought leadership.

I am confident that this spirit of coming together as One SMU will help us to realise Vision 2025 in the months ahead, as the progress we have made so far is remarkable. Let us continue to embrace change, embrace diversity, and embrace new challenges. Together, let us leave an indelible mark on the future of education and shine brightly as a beacon of innovation and impact.

