Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU,
Distinguished guests,
Parents and Scholars,
Ladies and gentlemen,

A very warm welcome to NTU!

Today marks an important milestone in the lives of the young Nanyang Scholars as we come together to share the joy of these incumbent recipients of the Nanyang Scholarship. To this fresh batch of Nanyang Scholarship recipients, I am extremely proud to share this day with you, your parents, teachers and all those who have contributed to your success in one way or another.

The Nanyang Scholarship is perhaps one of the most prestigious awards in Singapore. It is a sign of recognition of academic excellence, talent, leadership, and a passion to contribute to the society. Receiving the Nanyang Scholarship is but the start of an exciting journey and the beginning of an enriching and fun-filled experience at NTU. With talents abound, stellar academic results no longer serve as the ultimate mark of a scholar. Our wish for the scholars would be: to go beyond academic excellence. In order to distinguish our scholars from others, we have put in place a leadership training programme to sharpen the leadership, communication and other soft skills required for our scholars to stand out from the masses.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to take the lead, both inside and outside the classroom. Do not limit your vision for the future; be willing to explore and to question; bring your creativity to the fore and act as NTU ambassadors. Think out of the box, and always have that fire in your belly, and lastly, be a role model for the younger generation. I have every bit of confidence that you will all exceed our expectations, because I see in you the leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations to you for achieving this scholarship. Thank you and have an enjoyable evening!