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Dear Faculty and Staff Members,

Time has flown by. In what feels like the blink of an eye, two years have passed since I assumed the role of President. Looking back on more than seven hundred days in office, I am deeply grateful to every member of the NSYSU community for your support and assistance. My sincere appreciation goes to our faculty members for their unwavering dedication and hard work in teaching and research, and to our administrative colleagues for steadfastly fulfilling their duties and contributing to the smooth operation of the University. It is because we have walked this journey together that NSYSU has been able to move forward steadily, one step at a time.

Over the past two years, we have worked together to achieve many remarkable results and have received significant recognition in both domestic and international rankings. In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026, NSYSU had 16 subjects ranked and remained among the top five universities in Taiwan, with Petroleum Engineering entering the global top 100 and ranked first nationwide. In the THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026, the University remained in the 201–300 band globally, with SDG 9 ranking 68th worldwide. In Global Views Monthly's 2026 Taiwan Best Universities Rankings, NSYSU has remained fifth nationwide for seven consecutive years, and ranked first in the Medium-to-Large Universities category nationwide. In the CommonWealth Magazine's 2026 USR University Citizen Awards, the University ranked first in its division in the combined score for the three major dimensions of university governance, social engagement, and environmental sustainability.

In addition, under the Higher Education SPROUT Project, the University has expanded beyond its existing seven featured-areas research centers by establishing the Top Research Centers in National Key Fields: Marine-Science-Oriented Ocean Technology Implementation Center. The University also received the highest accreditation result, "Accredited for a validation period of six years", in the third cycle of higher education evaluation and accreditation. Together with SOAS University of London, the University launched the Global Citizenship Joint Master Degree Programme, creating a new model of higher education collaboration between Taiwan and the United Kingdom. Our campus energy-saving initiatives were recognized with the Silver Award at the 2025 Energy Conservation Benchmark Awards from the Ministry of Economic Affairs. This year, the University also joined Taipower's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program to help build a resilient power grid, demonstrating our long-term commitment to sustainable development.

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Another noteworthy milestone was the inaugural graduation ceremony held this year by the University's School of Medicine, with 23 graduates soon to don their white coats and take on the responsibilities and mission of medical professionals to serve on the front lines of healthcare services. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the four major medical teaching centers—Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital, Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Chi Mei Medical Center, and Kaohsiung Medical University Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital—for their long-term support and close collaboration. More recently, the University further signed strategic alliance cooperation agreements with its partner medical teaching centers to continue deepening the linkage between university research and clinical healthcare, and to appoint attending physicians from these hospitals as full-time clinical faculty members, strengthening the faculty and talent cultivation system for medical education, and further meeting the requirements of the Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council (TMAC) regarding clinical teaching and faculty allocation. These outstanding accomplishments not only demonstrate the University's strong capabilities in teaching, research, social responsibility, and sustainability, but also reflect the collective efforts and dedication of all members of the University community. Looking ahead, we will shoulder even greater responsibilities. In response to the global wave of artificial intelligence and national development trends, the University will advance important university development initiatives in three major dimensions with a broad vision. In advancing research and teaching excellence, the University will further strengthen its research capacity in key fields such as semiconductors, marine sciences, biomedicine, and artificial intelligence while continuing the emphasis on the humanities, social sciences, and the arts. The University will also actively pursue continued designation as a Holistic Benchmark University in the second phase of the Ministry of Education's Program on Bilingual Education for Students in College (BEST), steadily moving toward the goal of becoming an all-English university. In addition, AI will be incorporated into the third phase of the Higher Education SPROUT Project and university governance to enhance overall administrative efficiency.

In industry-academia collaboration and global partnerships, the University will actively promote collaborations with top international academic institutions such as the University of Arizona. Through the Global Research and Industry Alliance, the Taiwan Ciaotou Science Park Academia-Industry Consortium, and the University's newly-established Autonomous UAV & AI Robotics Research Center, the University will work hand in hand with leading domestic semiconductor companies to drive upgrading and digital transformation across industries in southern Taiwan, positioning the University as a core engine for the development of the Greater Southern Taiwan region.

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In further developing talent sustainability and university governance, NSYSU has raised funds to establish the Top Talent Fellowship and has sought subsidies under the Ministry of Education's Talent Sustainability Development Promotion Plan to build a comprehensive talent sustainability development system. In terms of campus environment planning, the University is currently establishing a childcare center to promote a family-friendly workplace while continuing to maintain a high-quality campus environment. The University will also accelerate the construction of the College of Medicine's teaching and research building on the Lingya Campus, establish a comprehensive base for medical education. In addition, the University will continue discussions with National University of Kaohsiung on the merger, with the hope of enhancing overall competitiveness through the integration of higher education resources and cultivating outstanding talent with global vision and innovative capacity for the nation.

The second anniversary marks a moment of gratitude and an important milestone connecting the past and the future. As we face the challenges ahead, I firmly believe that by upholding our core values of (AI)²: Artistic & Inclusive, and Advanced & Innovative, and by continuing to pursue innovation and excellence, we will further develop NSYSU into a comprehensive university that values both the humanities and science and engineering, steadily moving closer to our vision of becoming the "Harvard of the South." I look forward to working alongside all of you as we strive forward together and write a brilliant new chapter in the University's development.

Finally, all faculty members are encouraged to enjoy the summer break and, amid their busy teaching and research schedules, take time to rest and care for their physical and mental well-being. I also invite our colleagues to make use of the newly introduced summer leave arrangement this year to relax and spend time with their families. May everyone be recharged during this period of rest and welcome the new semester with renewed energy.

Wishing you a pleasant summer, and peace and good health to you and your family.

Warm regards,

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