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Dear faculty and staff,

Time passes quickly, and it has now been a full year since I assumed the role of President. Over the past year, the rapidly evolving landscape of higher education has presented both challenges and opportunities, making the weight of responsibility ever more apparent. I am sincerely grateful for everyone's support and dedication, which enable NSYSU to steadily move forward and achieve remarkable progress and recognition both domestically and internationally.

Looking back, we achieved many important milestones together. In the 2025 QS World University Rankings by subject, the University had 20 subjects ranked on the list, placing it among the top five universities in Taiwan and demonstrating its academic excellence across a wide range of disciplines. In the same year, the University was honored with the Public University Paradigm Award by Global Views Monthly, ranking first among the medium to large-sized universities, and was hailed as the most rapidly emerging university of the past decade. In terms of bilingual education, the University was approved as a key university for bilingual campus by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in 2021, and was again recognized in 2024 as one of only four holistic benchmark universities in Taiwan. Regarding the Higher Education SPROUT Program, its phase 2 funding increased tremendously, and the number of featured areas research centers expanded from six to seven. As to the development of the College of Medicine, with the support from the Kaohsiung City Government the University secured part of the premises of the former Kuochi Senior Vocational High School of Commerce and Technology at no cost, marking a significant step toward advancing medical education in southern Taiwan. Furthermore, the NSYSU campus seriously damaged by Typhoons Gaemi and Kathron was restored, thanks to many staff members who were the first to stand firm at their posts, responded swiftly, and actively sought resources; their resilience and sense of responsibility truly reflect the spirit of NSYSU.



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Looking ahead, several key initiatives require our continued efforts. These include the preliminary planning and design of new academic and research building of the College of Medicine, deeper collaboration with municipal hospitals, the progress of potential merger with National University of Kaohsiung, the upcoming on-site evaluations under the third cycle of the MOE's Evaluation and Accreditation for Higher Education Institutions in early December, and a new round of self-assessment of academic units.

NSYSU will celebrate the 45th anniversary in this November, with various activities to highlight its continued growth and diverse achievements. In addition, a well-known café will open at the 360 University House in late August; this historic architecture in a modern cultural style will create an artistic atmosphere for us to unwind and engage in conversation.

NSYSU is an exceptional and supportive community, where professionalism, commitment, and dedication to the common good are deeply valued. While the current environment in higher education remains highly competitive, it also offers a unique opportunity to demonstrate unity and innovation. I am proud to walk this path and look forward to continuing this journey with you all as we shape a brighter future for NSYSU.

As we enter the second half of the summer, everyone is encouraged to take time to recharge and enjoy time with loved ones. Wish you all a joyful summer.

Warm regards,

*Chih-Peng Li*

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