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To whom it may concern,

Testimonial for Thiru Vageesan

It is my great pleasure to recommend Mr. Thiru Vageesan for admission to the NUS NOC program. I have known Thiru for over a year, having taught him CS1010X Programming Methodology from January to June 2023.

In my class, Thiru consistently demonstrated an exceptional ability to grasp new concepts quickly and effectively. He showed a strong interest in programming methodologies and took a proactive approach to expanding his knowledge, often going beyond the course syllabus. He was always punctual, and I distinctly remember him as one of the earliest to arrive, which led to us having frequent conversations before class. I particularly recall one instance when he stayed after class late into the evening to discuss topics related to my specialization—computer graphics, games, and GPUs. This exemplifies his passion for learning and his natural inclination toward problem-solving, qualities that make him an excellent candidate for your program.

After a few months, I found him particularly well-suited for additional responsibilities and, as the Program Director, invited him to assist in our School of Computing Summer Workshop (July 2023) as a student facilitator. Together with nine other students, Thiru was responsible for the well-being of around 600 international participants, all university students from the region. Throughout the workshop, Thiru displayed diligence and initiative in his duties. He worked well with his peers, often stepping into leadership roles when necessary, and provided valuable support to the international students. Notably, there was a challenging situation where we had to coordinate the participants' movement from the school to the airport. Thiru took the initiative to organize the students and manage the logistics, minimizing disruption for other travelers. His ability to remain calm and composed under pressure, while thinking on his feet, underscores his readiness for the challenges of the entrepreneurial world.

After getting to know him well over eight months, I recommended him for an internship at a company I co-founded. He performed well in the technical interview and worked part-time (one day per week) during school terms. During the December 2023 holiday break, he worked full-time and received excellent feedback from his supervisor for his tenacity in learning unfamiliar technical frameworks and successfully completing his duties as a full-stack developer. The company was so impressed with his performance that they offered him continued work during the summer break (May–August 2024), and he is expected to return during the December holiday break.

In summary, I wholeheartedly recommend Thiru for the NOC program. His problem-solving skills, initiative, strong communication abilities with international peers, and resilience in the face of challenges make him a standout candidate who I believe will excel in the entrepreneurial environment. His performance during his internship has also demonstrated his adaptability and drive for excellence. I am confident that he will perform exceptionally well in any technological company he is attached to under the NOC program. I wish him the best of luck and success in his future endeavors!

Yours Sincerely,

Tan Tiow Seng (A/P)