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To Whom It May Concern:

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MR. KEERTHI CHANDRA (A0149591U)

I take great pleasure in writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Keerthi Chandra in support of his application for the NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) programme.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Chandra since he attended my course, Enterprise Systems Server-side Design and Development, in Semester 1 of Academic Year 2017/18. During the course, he had learnt how to develop large-scale enterprise software systems using a multitier architectural approach. His performance throughout the semester was commendable and he was awarded an excellent grade.

While he was reading my course, he had spoken to me on numerous occasions about his budding entrepreneurial aspiration, and his fascination with how successful start-ups could achieve the much coveted unicorn status. True to his dream, he embarked on an internship with SoCash, a FinTech start-up, for five months as a Financial Software Developer Intern. This internship was an enriching experience for him and he learnt many technical, non-technical, and most importantly, interpersonal skills as well as team dynamics. These are essential knowledge that a founder of a fast-growing start-up must possess. To further hone his business acumen, he has gone on to pursue a second internship with ViSenze, a start-up specialising in artificial intelligence for visual commerce as a Product Management Intern.

He is also presently a Student Ambassador with the University's Ridge View Residential College. In this challenging role, he has various opportunities to practise interpersonal communication, presentation and networking skills, all of which are essential traits that a successful technopreneur should possess.

I am heartened to learn that he has now decided to pursue his interest further by embarking on the NOC journey. Given his good technical knowledge and his keen business acumen, I am confident that he will be an asset to whichever company that he interns with. Through my interactions with him, I have found him to be a probing person with his boundless curiosity and energy, his wit, his good humour and his blazing intelligence. He is indeed worthy of my high level of evaluation and I can state with confidence that he will be well suited for the NOC programme.

I appreciate your favourable consideration with regard to Mr. Chandra's application. Thank you and best regards.

Best regards.

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