

Recent Books from Singapore – September 2007
Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd

Office

Blk 231, Bain Street
#03-05, Bras Basah Complex
Singapore 180231
Tel : +65-6883-2284/6883-2204
Fax : +65-6883-2144
info@marymartin.com
www.marymartin.com

Subjects Included

Architecture Pg 1	Literature Pg 13
Art Pg 2	Official Publications Pg 14
Business Pg 3	Performing Arts Pg 14
Economics Pg 4	Politics Pg 15
Environment Pg 7	Religion/Islam – Pg 18
History Pg 7	Sociology Pg 18
Law Pg 12	

Architecture

The Architecture of the New Baroque / Michael J. Ostwald
Singapore : Global Arts Affiliated Press, 2006
148 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
1-92070158-3
\$ 45.00

[The Superficial visual correspondence between these two movements is sufficiently striking that the recent architectural style or approach has become known as the "New Baroque". Despite this nomenclature the nature of the connection, if any between the historic and the recent movements has never been adequately investigated. This book identifies typical characteristics of the historic Baroque condition and analyses the New Baroque to determine whether it exhibits the same, or related, characteristics. This research clarifies the connection between the two movements before briefly considering the potential of the new architectural and cultural needs of the modern world.]

Design Awards : 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Singapore : Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore, 2007
76 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.
978-981-05-8857-1
\$ 25.00

Ong siew may professorship 2003 / Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa
Singapore : Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore, 2007
v. : ill. ; 25 cm.
\$ 25.00

Journal of Southeast Asian Architecture – Vol.9. November 2006
Singapore : Department of Architecture, NUS, 2007
ISSN : 0218-9593
110p.
Annual
\$ 35.00 (Subscriptions Handled)

Contents

The House that Vann Molyvann Built / Helen Grant Ross
A Critical Appearance of Modernism Building Nine at Panabandhu School
From Colonial Past to Commercial Present to Spectacular Future : The Impact of Urban
growth in the Transformation of Alan Alun Bandung / Rita Padawangi
Mosque Architecture from Malaysia : Classification of Styles and Possible Influences
Collecting the Perfect Nation : Miniature Indonesia in Display
Homogenously Heterogenous : The Diversity of Traditional Chinese Architecture in
Singapore / Yeo Kang Shua

Folio 07 / Mario Botta et al
Singapore : Department of Architecture, NUS, 2007
205p.
0219-7917
9789810574611
Annual
\$ 45.00 (Subscriptions Handled)

Contents :

Towards a More Humane Architecture / George Henderson
Eco-Communities and Eco Buildings / Steffen Lehmann
Reflections : The Eco Village / Antonio Han Risianto
Centre Durrenmatt Neuchatel / Mario Botto
A Bridge too Far / Edward Ng

Broadcasting Bawa / David Robson
Engineer and Architect / Anthony Hunt
Exotic More or Less / Erwin Viray

Architecture at a Turning Point / Tay Kheng Soon
Creative City/ Alexander Tzonis
Collecting the Perfect Nation / Charles Chandra Putera
Meta-Spaces in Mind-Blindness / Lee Wah Fong
Assyafaah Mosque in Dialogue / Matthew Lai Chi Kai

Art

Regional Animalities : Cultures, Natures, Human and Animals in South East Asia
Singapore : Focas Forum on Contemporary Art and Society, c2007
433 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
Focas – Forum On Contemporary Art and Society
978-981-05-8681-2
\$ 24.00

[Contents:

Section 1 : Regional Animalities

Section 2 : Reports on Art & Activism in Singapore 2004-6: Artists, Animals Transients & The Death Penalty

Section 3 : Focas on Censorship

Section 4 : Tributes.]

The Divine Within : Art and Living Culture of India and South Asia / Gauri Parimoo Krishnan

Singapore : Asian Civilisations Museum, c2007

288 p. : ill. ; 31 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

981-05-6705-7

\$ 59.95

[This 288-page volume of detailed catalogue entries approaches the collection thematically weaving a web of interconnections. The catalogue covers a wide spectrum of artifacts from the ancient period to the 20th century, linking the threads of communication and historical development. Themes such as religion, architecture, festivals, rituals and visual and performing arts unveil the cultural richness and diversity of South Asia. Impressive stone sculptures and massive architectural fragments are set alongside exquisite textiles, Jewellery and ritual objects.

Written clearly and evocatively, the catalogue entries cover specifics of artefacts as well as the general background of cultures and regions they represent. The introductory essay explains the rationale behind the collection, the Museum's acquisition policy, the growth of the collection and the design of the new South Asia galleries at the Museum's Empress Place premises. Additional information includes contextual and archival pictures, transliterations and translations, metal analyses of selected artifacts, a glossary and bibliography.]

Chua ek kay : Singapore Street Scenes evoking memories / Edited by Joanna Lee

Singapore : Singapore Management University, c2007

96 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

978-981-4217-29-3

\$ 44.50

[Chua Ek Kay is one of Singapore's most respected artists. He is especially admired for his compelling ink practice, which has stretched the parameters of Chinese ink painting in unusual and engaging ways, and provoked new interest in the tradition. His singular pursuit of his art has greatly enriched Singapore's cultural life.

Ek Kay produced his first street scene painting in 1985. Even as he has explored artistic directions, he has continued to revisit the subject, always with renewed curiosity and new insights. The Singapore Street Scenes series of paintings is now a major body of work that evokes nostalgia and pays tribute to Singapore's history.]

BUSINESS

Rice and Chips : Technopreneurship and Innovation in Asia / Dennis Posadas

Singapore : Prentice Hall, Pearson Education South Asia Pte Ltd., 2007

x, 109 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

981-06-7851-7
978-981-06-7851-7
\$ 29.90

[Rice and Chips : Technopreneurship and Innovation in Asia enumerates the unwritten rules of innovation that have worked in Silicon Valley since the 1930s. Using these rules as a banchmark, author Dennis Posadas points out the similarities and differences between Silicon Valley and Asian countries like china, Taiwan, India, Singapore and Korea. He tackles the research capabilities and venture capital infrastructure of these countries and explains how they have used the Silicon Valley model to develop their own technology startups.]

Advances in Doctoral Research in Management Volume 1 / Edited by Luiz Moutinho
Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., c2006
xxiv, 268 p. ; 23 cm.
981-256-0440-0
\$ 71.00

[This first book in the Advances in Doctoral Research in Management series includes both doctoral research papers and a section on doctoral research notes consisting of shorter versions of extended monographs. There is also a section on research methodology papers that builds awareness and provides applications of new methodological concepts, techniques and tools.]

Economics

Reasserting the Rural Development Agenda : Lessons Learned and Emerging Challenges in Asia / Edited by Arsenio M. Balisacan, Nobuhiko Fuwa
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2007
xx, 414 p. ; 23 cm.
978-981-230-403-2
981-230-403-7
1.Rural development-Asia
2.Agriculture-Economic aspects-Asia
3.Rural poor-Asia
4.Asia-Rural Conditions
\$ 12.90

[The agricultural sector's perceived importance in the international development circle waned dramatically after the 1980s, and investments in rural development and agricultural research and development declined sharply. This volume reasserts the role of agricultural and rural development in the economic development debate. By reviviting the evolution of ideas, paradigms and empitical evidence, and by drawing on Asian Experiences, the book intends to set a reinvigorated agenda on agricultural and rural development both foe research and policy discussions in the coming decades. Written by internationally acknowledged research scholars, this book is helpful to a wide range of audience, including researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students interested in rural development in Asia and its future evolutions.]

The seventh Singapore economic Roundtable, October 2006 / Edited by Manu Bhaskaran
Singapore : SNP Reference for Institute of Policy studies, c2007
82 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Singapore Economic policy

981-248-148-6

1. Macroeconomics- Congresses.
 2. Monetary policy- Singapore- Congresses
 3. Singapore- Economic policy- Congresses
 4. Singapore- Economic conditions- Congresses.
- \$ 24.00

[The seventh Singapore Economic Roundtable deals with economic policies and monetary policies, and includes the topics of

- Singapore's economic volatility;
- The effects of globalisation on Singapore
- Singapore as a dual economy; and
- The growth of global industries versus domestic businesses.

One question raised at the Roundtable is: how is Singapore handling the problem of unequal distribution of the benefits of growth? The seventh Roundtable report discusses this and other questions, and will hopefully result in a more balanced distribution of income in Singapore.]

Stewardship- based economics / Raymond Wy Kao
Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., c2007
xiii, 218 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Includes Index
978-981-270-479-5
\$ 46.00

[Ownership-based economics has led to the rapid development and apparent universal success of the market economy. It is a system built on the deception of resource availability, ill-defined profit, and misled by the idea that an invisible hand can be an equitable system of distribution. It has resulted in a high living standard for a few select individuals, but at the expense of mankind and nature, ultimately culminating in the development of human conflict.

This is a book with a blueprint for the 21st century, proposing a two-fold approach to easing the pressure on both the human race and the world we live in. It calls for a change of mindset from ownership to stewardship and a shift of responsibility to the corporate entities as a sub-system of the market economy.]

Trade liberalisation : impact on growth and trade in developing countries / Ashok Parikh
Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., c2007
x, 312 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-981-270-502-0
981-270-502-3

1. Free trade
 2. Developing countries- Commerce
 3. Developing countries- Economic conditions
- \$ 65.00

[This is one of few books on the quantitative assessment of trade liberalisation and its impact on micro and macro economics structure in developing countries. Addressing the prospects of economic growth at a macro level, the book gives a thorough analysis of various issues such as profitability of enterprises after liberalisation, structural change, imports and exports by sectors and regions, and the trade balances of developing

countries. The aspects of terms of trade and the trade balances in African, Latin American and Asian economies are studied using econometric techniques.]

An APEC trade agenda? : the political economy of a free trade area of the Asia-Pacific / edited by Charles E. Morrison and Eduardo Pedrosa

Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), c2007

256 p. ; 23 cm

Includes Index

978-981-230-460-5

1. Free trade- Asia
2. Free trade- pacific area
3. Asia- Commercial policy
4. Pacific Area- Commercial policy

\$ 29.90

[The proposal for an Asia-Pacific-wide free trade agreement is one of the oldest ideas for promoting mutually beneficial regional cooperation dating back to the mid-1960s. In more recent times, the idea has found new support for two main reasons: as a plan B to the stumbling Doha development Agenda (DDA) round of WTO negotiations; and as a solution to the noodle bowl of bilateral agreements in the region.

This report assesses the political feasibility of the free trade area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) proposal and looks at alternative modalities for achieving free trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific. The report includes trade policy perspectives from the three largest economies of the region: the United states, China and Japan, lessons from similar proposals such as the free trade area of the Americas (FTAA), possible convergence among the many preferential trade agreements (PTAs) in the region, and alternative approaches to regional economic integration.]

The Singapore Miracle, Myth and Reality / Rodney King

Australia : Insight Press, c2006

xv, 516 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

0-9775567-0-0

\$ 49.50

Negotiating the Korea-Singapore FTA : A case study / K. Kesavapany and Rahul sen

Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2007

176 p. ; 23 cm.

978-981-230-458-2

1. Free trade - Singapore - Case Studies
2. Free trade - Korea (South) - Case Studies
3. Korea (South) - Foreign economic relations-Singapore
4. Singapore - Foreign economic relations - Korea (South)
5. Korea (South) - Commerce-Singapore
6. Singapore-Foreign economic relations- Korea (South)

\$ 29.90

[The Korea-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (KSFTA) is Korea's first comprehensive FTA involving any ASEAN member country and provides a framework for building a strong strategic and economic partnership between Korea and the ASEAN countries. It is therefore designed to be a building block in the process of community building efforts towards an East Asian Community in the long run as well as towards global free trade.

This book analyses and documents the rationale behind the agreement and its impact on the economies of Korea and Singapore, underpinning the growing economic linkages between the two countries that have become stronger since the enforcement of the agreement.]

Environment

Sampling Biodiversity in Coastal Communities : NaGISA Protocols for Seagrass and Macroalgal Habitats – A NaGISA Handbook / Edited by P.R. Rigby (et all)
Singapore : National University of Singapore and Kyodai-Kaikan (Kyoto University Hall), Japan, c2007

ix, 145 p. ; 25 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-9971-69-368-8 (NUS Press)

978-4-87698-700-9 (Kyoto University Press)

1. Coastal ecology
2. Seagrasses
3. Macroalgae
4. Invertebrates- Ecology
5. Biodiversity- Monitoring

\$ 39.90

History

Singapore and the Many-headed Monster : A look at racial riots against a socio-historical ground / Joe Conceicao

Singapore : Horizon Books, c2007

xiv, 182 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

978-981-05-7882-4

\$ 15.00

[A number of historians have published academic approaches on the various riots and ethnic and religious disturbances that have taken place in Singapore. "Singapore and the Many-headed Monster" is not one of them. This book is a personal and heart-felt look at the tragic instances when the many-headed monster-riots-reared its ugly heads and marred Singapore's history.

The author also writes with compassion about those who were made sacrificial victims; and reads conclusions relevant and imperative for today's living.]

The Business of Politics and Ethnicity : A History of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry / Sikko Visscher

Singapore : National University of Singapore, c2007

xviii, 372 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-9971-69-365-7

1. Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry – History
2. Boards of trade-Singapore-History
3. Chinese-Singapore-History
4. Singapore-Commerce-History

\$ 39.95

[Some of the wealthiest and most influential businessmen in Singapore and Malaysia have served as leaders of the Chamber. Drawing on archival materials and extensive

interviews, Visscher provides lively biographical sketches that highlight the circumstances and personal values that propelled these and other leading Chinese businessmen to success and to prominence.

He also examines Chinese business practices, considering cultural elements as well as state and market forces, and highlights unique features of the Chinese experience in Singapore. By viewing Singapore from the perspective of a well established non-governmental organization as it struggled, negotiated and cooperated with the state, this book offers an alternative to conventional political histories.]

Riding the Tiger : The chronicle of a nation's battle against communism – DVD

Singapore : Ministry of Information and the Arts, 2007

1 DVD

\$ 18.00

[Riding The Tiger is a seven-part documentary tracing the moderates' ride to power on the back of the Communist Tiger in pre-independent Singapore. Catch this battle for the hearts and minds of the people, against a backdrop of political events which, led eventually to merger and independence. Through footages, interviews, narratives and re-enactments, you will experience the intensity as two determined foes lock horns in a life-and-death struggle for political supremacy.]

Escape : The True Story of the only westerner ever to break out of Thailand's Bangkok Hilton / David Mc Millan

Singapore : Monsoon Books Pte Ltd., c2007

288 p. ; 20 cm.

978-981-05-7568-7

981-05-7568-8

\$ 19.95

[Klong Prem prison, Thailand. The 'Bangkok Hilton', where 600 foreigners among the 12,000 inmates of this walled prison city also wait and rot. Among the tragic, ruthless and forgotten, one man resolves to do what no other has done: Escape. This is the true story of drug smuggler David Mc Millan's perilous break-out from Asia's most notorious prison. From his arrest at Don Muang Airport to awaiting trial inside Klong Prem, he provides an insight into the lives of the British, Australian, American and other Western prisoners as they are destroyed by disease, neglect and despair. Death is their only way out.

Two weeks before a near-certain death sentence McMillan escaped, never to be seen in Thailand.]

The Fight for Malaya : The Jungle of Maurice Cotterill / R.W. Holder

Malaysia : Editions Didier Miller Sdn Bhd , c2007

196 p. ; 20 cm.

978-981-4217-20-0

\$ 19.95

[Fifteen years before the Japanese invaded Malaya in 1941, a young man in Britain read of a vacancy for a job in a rubber plantation in Malacca. Rather than become a schoolteacher like his siblings, he accepted the position and packed his bags for the long journey east. He could not foresee the tumultuous days that lay ahead. As world war II engulfed Malaya, most of the European community fled the country, were captured or perished at the hands of the Japanese invaders. Maurice Cotterill was one of the very few British civilians who stayed behind, were not captured, and survived.]

Cotterill took to the jungle. There he spent the rest of the war in the company of guerrillas of Chinese descent whose priorities were to rid the country first of the Japanese and then of the British; the bonds he formed with them enabled him to live through appalling conditions with little in the way of food, arms or ammunition. Based in part on a diary left by Cotterill, the book offers vivid insights on Malaya as it experienced political volatility and change. It sets the occupation period in the context of the time, as World War II was followed first by the British Military Administration and then by the Communist emergency.

The book is both a gripping chronicle of survival, and a document of Malaysia's history in a period of chaos and deprivation, as it moved gradually towards independence in 1957, and the dawn of a new era.]

Indiscreet Memories : 1901 Singapore Through the Eyes of a Colonial Englishman / Edwin A. Brown

Singapore : Monsoon Books Pte Ltd., c2007

248 p. ; 20 cm.

978-981-05-8691-1

981-05-8691-4

\$ 19.95

[Stepping off the SS Hamburg on a moonlit night in January 1901, Edwin A. Brown knew little about his new home-the Straits Settlement of Singapore. Through diary extracts and personal memories, this young Englishman brings to life characters and events in a country few would recognize today.

Life for the early settlers was always eventful. Entertainment came in the form of comic operas, visiting circuses, balls at Government House and socialising at the Tingel Tangel dance hall. There were rickshaw strikes, sightings of a sea serpent in the Singapore harbour, Sunday morning horse rides around the Settlement and tigers causing havoc in Chinatown.

From the death of Queen Victoria and the coronation of King Edward to the decision by Straits-born Chinese to discard their towchang (queues), we come to understand how historical events shaped and affected the society of the day.

Indiscreet Memories is one man's true account of life in Singapore as it was over a hundred years ago.]

Trade and Society in the Straits of Melaka : Dutch Melaka and English Penang, 1780-1830 / Nordin Hussin

Singapore : NUS (National University of Singapore) and NIAS (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, c2007

xxvii, 388 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-9971-69-354-1

1.Commerce-Malacca, Strait of, Region - History

2.Pinang (Malaysia)-History- 18th century

3.Melaka (Malaysia)-History-18th century

\$ 39.95

[Drawing on a large volume of archival records, many of them not used by earlier historians, Trade and Society in the Straits of Melaka examines the social and economic fabric of these two port cities, the one very much a Dutch town and the other British. Along the way, the author deals with a number of key questions. Did colonial port cities have a different character and structure from indigenous towns? Did the administrative style of the Dutch and English differ substantially? What was the economic basis of

Melaka and Penang? What was the effect of the European presence on indigenous trade and society? The answers involve considerations of urban morphology, demographic characteristics and migration, property rights, and slave ownership. The author also provides a detailed account of shipping in the straits of Melaka, and discusses how this information contributes to debated concerning the decline of the region's 'Age of Commerce' in the face of imperialist competition.]

Chinese Diaspora Since Admiral Zheng He : With Special Reference to Maritime Asia / Edited by Leo Suryadinata

Singapore : Chinese Heritage Centre, c2007

iii, 370 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

978-981-05-7984-5

- 1.Chinese – Southeast Asia – History
 - 2.Chinese – Commerce – History
 - 3.China – Emigration and immigration – History
 - 4.Southeast Asia – Commerce – History
- \$ 29.95

[The year 1005 was the 600th anniversary of Zheng He's maiden voyage to Southeast Asia and beyond. It is thus not surprising that the conference on "Maritime Asia and Chinese Overseas 1405-2005" held in August 2005 also included a section on Zheng He's voyages and their impact. The 23 conference papers in English, which have been revised and selected for publication in this volume, are diverse, but one can still find a major theme: they are related to the Chinese Diaspora, mainly in maritime Asia, since Admiral Zheng He.]

A Century in Asia : The History of the Ecole Francaise d' Extreme-Orient 1898-2006 / Catherine Clementin-Ojha, Pierre-Yves Minguin

Singapore : Editions Didier Miller Pte Ltd., c2007

236 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.

978-981-4155-97-7

\$ 39.95

[This volume makes good this dearth of background information, and does much more besides. A Century in Asia – The History of the Ecole Francaise d' Extreme-Orient 1898 – 2006 traces in detail the institution's history, starting from its founding in Saigon in 1900, right through to the tumultuous years of the two world Wars and several civil wars, to its present-day status.

The book is also lavishly illustrated with material from public and private collections, depicting various aspects of the EFEO's activities and those of its many devoted scholars. A Century in Asia – The History of the Ecole Francaise d' Extreme-Orient 1898 – 2006 bears testament to the tremendous self-belief and commitment shown by the EFEO since its inauguration, a spirit which has enabled the School to survive and evolve over the last century, while retaining its long-standing and intimate relationship with Asia. The School remains to this day an essential port of call for students of all Asian Cultures.]

A History of the Hok Tek Chi Loke Yah Teng Association, 1824-2004 / Zeng Ling

Singapore : Chinese Heritage Centre, 2005

v. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Singapore Chinese Heritage Studies / Hok Tek Chi Loke Teng Series

981-05-3286-5

\$ 29.95

[Contents :

Chapter 1 : Early Singapore and Chinese Society

Chapter 2 : Early History of the Hok Tek Chi Loke Yah Teng: 1824-1839

Chapter 3 : Development of the Hok Tek Chi Loke Yah Teng: 1840-1956

Chapter 4 : Transformation of the Loke Yah Teng: 1957-1990

Chapter 5 : The Loke Yah Teng since 1990

Chapter 6 : Conclusion.]

Under the banyan Tree : Collected Memories of Some Inspiring Rafflesians (1961-1964)

Singapore : Raffles Institution, c2007

283 p. : ill. ; 31 cm.

978-981-05-7825-1

\$ 39.95

[The book is story of how 400 students had to cope with these changes as well as their own biological transformation and also to be squeezed together into Raffles Institution with facilities adequate for half that number.

We had to cope with changing of nationalities, flags and anthems. We had to cope with poverty, losses and thwarted expectations. We were at war, yet at peace. We witnesses poverty, terrorism and riots, yet we were race and status-blind.

This book is not a history book but it is a respository of events meaningful to the 400 of us, and hopefully, useful to people who want to understand more of that period of Singapore's and the School's history.

Life was confusing but we had managed to build camaraderie with each other which was so strong that it has lasted more than forty years and spans the globe. We survived and we made an honest living. Whatever the source of this resilience, the stories in this book manifest the truth that inspiration is more widespread than commonly held.

This book was conceived in March 2004 and the memories could only be collected and put together with the help of the Internet.]

Of Courage and Character : Outward Bound Singapore : The First 40 years

Singapore : Outward Bound, 2007

183 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.

978-981-05-8515-0

\$ 40.00

[The year 2007 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of Outward Bound Singapore. From a small school based in an abandoned granite quarry on Pulau Ubin, OBS has grown into a world-class organization highly respected here and abroad.

OBS has gone through numerous changes remained constant: Through fun and exciting adventure activities like rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, trekking and sailing, Out ward Bounders learn the value of teamwork, persistence, tenacity, courage and self-belief. Many leaders have emerged from these courses.]

In the Grip of a Crisis : The experiences of a Teenager during the Japanese Occupation of Singapore, 1942-45

Singapore : S.N. , c2007

278 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

978-981-05-8609-6

\$ 15.00

Heroic Images of Ming Loyalists : A Study of the Spirit Tables of the Ghee Hin Kongsì in Singapore / David k Y Chng

Singapore : Singapore Society of Asian Studies, 1999
vii, 157 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

Asian Studies monograph series: 5
9971-990-38-5

1. Secret societies - Singapore
 2. Chinese - Singapore - Societies, etc.
- \$ 19.95

[Based on the information recorded on spirit tablets kept at the Five Tiger Shrine, Singapore, and detailed reports on the secret societies in Singapore as contained in the Colonial Office files kept in the Public Record Office in London, the author was able to identify the deceased as named on their spirit tablets and Ghee Hin Kongsu leaders. Further checking against records from stelae and documents preserved by various traditional Chinese clan, temple and burial associations revealed that several of these and other Ghee Hin leaders had founded and were elected to leadership positions in these organisations. Part II of this book contains the inscriptions of the spirit tablets that many serve as a useful reference and encourage others to examine the significance and intersections of Chinese secret society networks with other territorial and lineage associations in the wider socio-economic context of the 19th century colony of Singapore.]

Sampans, Banyans and Rambutans : A Childhood in Singapore and Malaya / Derek Tait
England : Driftwood Coast Publishing, c2006

104 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

978-0-9554277-0-1

\$ 32.00

Memories of Singapore and Malaya/ Derek Tait

England : Driftwood Coast Publishing, c2006

194 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.

978-0-9554257-5-6

\$ 32.00

Law

Singapore academy of law conference 2006 : Developments in Singapore Law between
2001 and 2005 / edited by Teo Keang Sood

Singapore : Singapore Academy of Law, c2006

lxx, 904 p. ; 25 cm

981-05-7232-8

\$ 120.00

[The Singapore Academy of Law Conference 2006 was the third in a continuing series of five-yearly conferences reviewing the latest developments in Singapore law. The three-day conference reviewed significant Singapore case law and statutory enactments between 2001 and 2005 under five thematic modules: "Corporation Law", "Law of Obligations", "Intellectual Property and Information Technology", "International Perspectives" and "Administration of Justice". The diversity and breadth of topics covered at the Conference are testaments to how the last five years have been especially fertile in terms of legal developments and innovative approaches to legal problems. In addition to the 14 papers presented at the conference under the five

modules, specialist papers in eight other areas of law were commissioned for the conference.

In keeping with the balanced-perspective approach of the Conference, each of the papers were co-authored by a legal practitioner and noted academic specializing in the relevant area of law. For members of the legal community interested in some of the dynamic, novel and even controversial developments in Singapore law that have taken place in the last five years, this collection of the 22 papers delivered at and prepared for the conference will provide a concise review and critical evaluation of the law, and offer a glimpse of some innovations in local law we can look forward to in the five years to come.]

Life sciences: Law and Ethics : Recent developments in Singapore / Edited by Terry Kaan and Edison T Liu

Singapore : Singapore Academy of Law and Bioethics Advisory Committee, c2006

iii, 232 p. ; 24 cm.

981-05-7025-2

\$ 29.95

[An integral dimension of Singapore's recent advances in biomedical research is the public focus and debate on the legal, ethical and social aspects of such research. In this collection of essays, eminent experts from Singapore in the fields of moral philosophy and ethics, sociology, law and the life sciences expound on the developments in the area of biomedical science and research from the perspectives of law, ethics and social impact.]

From foundation to legacy : the second charter of justice / Andrew Phang Boon Leong

Singapore : Singapore Academy of Law, c2006

v, 102 p. ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

981-05-7194-1

\$ 19.90

[The book brings the reader on a journey from the conception of the second charter to the birth of its ultimate offspring – the Application of English Law Act. It discusses the significance of the Second Charter over the years and why it now deserves its place high on the honour roll of Singapore's legal developments. Finally, the book pays homage to the pioneers of Singapore's legal system, and sketches the road map ahead by presenting a personal insight as to the possible direction of Singapore's future legal development.

The book also contains- for the first time- extracts from the copy of the Second Charter enrolled in the United Kingdom National Archives, as well as from the original Petition seeking the Charter, and the Charter in its draft form. These documents were recently re-discovered by the Singapore Academy of Law's Legal Heritage Committee and have never been reproduced in Singapore before.]

Literature

English As it is Broken

Singapore : EPB Pan pacific (An Imprint of Panpac Education Private Limited), c2007

196 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

978-981-273-049-7

\$ 6.00

[English As it is Broken is a selection and compilation of questions and answers from the hugely popular weekly column in The Sunday Times regarding the usage of the English language in Singapore. The Ministry of Education's English Language specialists answer the queries.

This publication addresses common errors and areas of confusion under the categories of Usage, Vocabulary and Grammar through examples and explanations. In the process, it also reveals the phenomenon of 'Singapore English' (Singlish) and shows how it deviates from standard English. It also aims to foster an awareness of how we speak and write the language.]

The Boat : Singapore Escape : Cannibalism At Sea / Walter Gibson
Singapore : Monsoon Books Pte, Ltd., c2007

152 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.
978-981-05-8301-9
981-05-8301-X
\$ 15.90

[For twenty-six days she drifted across the Indian Ocean. For twenty-six days, cannibalism, murder heroism and self-sacrifice drifted with her. When the lifeboat finally ran aground on the island of Sipora, only four has survived: two Javanese seamen, a Chinese girl, Doris Lim, and Walter Gibson of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.]

The Lies that build a Marriage : Stories of the unsung, unsaid and uncelebrated in Singapore / Suchen Christine Lim

Singapore : Monsoon Books Pte., Ltd., c2007
215 p. ; 20 cm.
978-981-05-8713-0
981-05-8713-9
\$ 19.95

[The Lies Build a Marriage is a collection of short stories that focus on the unsung, unsaid and uncelebrated in Singapore. Singapore Literature Prize-winning author Suchen Christine Lim delves beneath the island's prosperity and coded decorum to reveal genuine people facing difficult issues that are normally strictly taboo. One by one, the characters chisel away the prejudice that surrounds them to sculpt a social acceptance of themselves and their circumstances.]

Always in Season : A Second Harvest of Kindness Stories / Edited by Lee Tzu Pheng
Singapore : Singapore Kindness Movement, c2007

xv, 212 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
978-981-05-8130-5
\$ 9.00

Official Publications

Report of the Auditor-General for the financial year 2006/07
Singapore : Republic of Singapore, 2007
ii, 34 p. ; 25 cm
\$ 9.00

Singapore Government Directory – July 2007

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Business Information Private Limited, c2007
ix, 1104 p. ; 25 cm

ISSN: 0129-3109
\$ 39.50

Performing Arts / Music

Music Without Borders : The Rainforest World Music Festival in Sarawak
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, c2007
253 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.
978-9833-845-23-1
983-3845-23-1
\$ 50.00

Politics

Dynamic Governance : Embedding Culture, Capabilities and Change in Singapore / Boon Siong Neo
Singapore : World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte.Ltd., c 2007
xviii, 508 p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
978-981-270-694-2
1. Public administration--Singapore
2. Political culture—Singapore
\$ 62.00

[Contents:

- 1.Frame work for Dynamic Governance: Institutionalizing Culture, Capabilities and Change
 - 2.Conceptual Foundations: Governance, Institutions and Capabilities
 - 3.Context for Development: Establishing Imperatives for Governance
 - 4.Cultural Foundations: Inculcating Principles of Governance
 - 5.Policy Execution: Developing and Implementing Paths
 - 6.Policy Adaptation: Embedding Learning and Adjusting Paths
 - 7.People Development: Recruiting, Renewing and Retaining Leaders
 - 8.Process Innovations: Creating Agile Structures and Systems
 - 9.Sustaining Dynamic Governance: Lessons and Challenge.]
-

International Seminar on Nuclear war and Planetary Emergencies 36th Session: Nuclear Strategy and Peace Technology ("E. Majorana" Centre for Scientific Culture Erice, Italy, 19-24 Aug 2006) / Edited by R. Ragaini
Singapore : World Scientific Co. Pte. Ltd., c2007
xiv, 426 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
The Science and culture Series
978-981-270-922-6
981-270-922-3
\$ 119.00

[Contents:

1. Opening Session
 2. Energy Focus: Global Nuclear Power Future
 3. Global Monitoring of the Planet proliferation Focus: Nuclear Weapons
 4. AIDS & Infectious Disease Focus Avian Flu – Global health
-

5. Climatology Focus: Global Warming / Aerosols & Satellites
 6. Pollution Focus: Plastic Contaminants in Water
 7. Information Security Focus: relevance Cyber Security
 8. Limits of Development Focus : Development of Sustainability
 9. Defence Against Cosmic Objects
 10. WFS General Meeting Cultural Emergency Focus : Terrorism
 11. Permanent monitoring Panel Reports
 12. Limits of Development Permanent monitoring
 13. World Energy Monitoring Workshop
 14. Seminar Participants.]
-

Southeast Asian affairs 2007 / Edited by Daljit Singh and Lorraine C. Salazar
 Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian studies, c2007
 xxi, 412 p. : Maps ; 26 cm
 978-981-230-432-2
 ISSN: 0377-5437
 1. Asia, Southeastern
 \$ 29.90

[From Introduction:

This introduction to Southeast Asian Affairs 2007 seeks to draw out the major themes and issues that are woven into the narratives of the four regional, eleven country, and five thematic articles, as well as provides a preview of the articles in this volume.]

The Islamist threat in Southeast Asia : a reassessment / John T. Sidel
 Washington : East-West Center Washington, c2007
 xi, 73 p. ; 23 cm
 Includes Bibliography
 Policy studies 37 (Southeast Asia)
 978-981-230-489-6
 ISSN:1547-1349
 1. Islam- Southeast Asia
 2. Islam- Southeast Asia-History
 3. Islam and state- Southeast Asia.
 4. Islam and politics- Southeast Asia.
 \$ 15.00

[In recent years, a steady stream of reportage and commentary has spotlighted a dangerous "Islamist threat" in Southeast Asia. This study, by contrast, offers a very different account. In descriptive terms, this study suggests that such as alarmist picture is highly overdrawn, and it traces instead a pattern of marked decline, demobilization, and disappointments experienced in recent years by previously ascendant Islamist forces in Indonesia and Malaysia, and in the diminished position of Muslim power brokers in southern Thailand and the Philippines after more than a decade of cooperation with non-Muslim politicians in Manila and Bangkok. In explanatory terms, moreover, this study shows the significance of social and political context. A fuller appreciation of aggression by anti-Islamists and non-Muslims, and of the insecurity, weakness, and fractiousness of Islamist forces themselves, helps to explain the nature, extent, and limitations of Islamic violence, aggression, and assertiveness. This overarching alternative framework not only provides a very different explanation for the "Islamist threat" in Southeast Asia, but also suggests very different policy implications from those offered by specialists on terrorism working on the region.]

Goh Keng Swee : a portrait / Tan Siok Sun
Singapore : Editions Didier Millet, c2007
222 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-981-4155-82-3
\$ 39.50

[The book traces the evolution of Dr Goh's thought, as he moved on in life: a top student in school, a civil servant under colonial rule, a young Nationalist, and finally one of the key architects of post-independent Singapore. Dr Goh's story is one of daring, of moral courage, and of friendships forged over many years. Above all, his achievements in helping to create the modern landscape of institutions, environments and values that constitute Singapore today represent a vital legacy for the nation's present and future generations.]

Know your ASEAN
Singapore : ISEAS Publishing (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies), c2007
vi, 50 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
978-981-230-487-2
1. ASEAN
2. Regionalism (International organization)
\$ 10.00

[The booklet provides facts on ASEAN's establishment, membership, financing and decision-making. It recalls the association's contributions to regional security. It explains what ASEAN is doing to integrate the regional economy and promote regional cooperation on the environment, infectious disease, counter-terrorism, poverty reduction, and natural disasters. It clarifies such issues as non-interference and human rights. It touches on ASEAN's relations with other countries and international institutions.]

Between rising powers China, Singapore and India / Asad-ul Iqbal Latif
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2007
xiv, 333 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-981-230-413-1
\$ 29.90

[Geography has moulded Singapore's self-definition, much as it has shaped the contours of the rest of Southeast Asia, a region that has south of China and east of India. Placed within overlapping Sinic and Indic zones, Singapore's entrepot role has served both. Today, as China and India emerge simultaneously as rising powers, the port city is going beyond its trading role to engage them in political and security terms. This book combines diplomatic history and international relations theory to show how Singapore is facilitating China's and India's engagement of Southeast Asia.]

Between consolidation and Crisis : Elections and democracy in five Nations in Southeast Asia / Aurel Croissant (et all)
Berlin : LIT Verlag, c2006
386 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
Southeast Asian Modernities Volume 3
3-8258-8859-2

\$ 75.00

[Between Consolidation and Crisis focuses on five countries in Southeast Asia to examine how their elections have been conducted in the past two years, their domestic implications, and how the elections have differed from one another and from elections in other parts of Asia. Case studies on Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand provide an overall understanding of the impact of elections on the consolidation or crisis of new democratic and semi-democratic polities in the region of Southeast Asia.]

Religion – Islam

An introduction to Islamic finance : Theory and Practice / Zamir Iqbal and Abbas Mirakhor

Singapore : John Wiley and Sons (Asia) Pte Ltd, c2007

xiii, 332 p. ; 24 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

978-0470-82188-6

\$ 79.95

[The global demand for an ethical form of investing has led to a major boom in Islamic banking and finance. Banks such as HSBC and Citibank have announced their ambition to become major players in the market. For newcomers to this burgeoning marketing, An introduction to Islamic finance: Theory and Practice offers an excellent overview of the principal concepts from two well-known figures in Islamic finance.

This book explains the fundamental principles and functions of an economic, banking and financial system operating under Shariah (Islamic Law). Numerous tenets of Islam- from social justice, equality, preservation of property rights, sanctity of contracts and the prohibition of Riba (interest)- are discussed with relation to the economic behaviour of individuals, society and state.]

Islamic finance : The Regulatory challenge / edited by Simon Archer and Rifaat Ahmed Abdel Karim

Singapore : John Wiley and Sons (Asia) Pte. Ltd., c2007

xxi, 418 p. ; 23 cm

Includes Index

978-0-470-82189-3

\$ 150.00

[An Islamic financial services sector is rapidly developing to meet the burgeoning need for financial institutions that are not interest-based, or which otherwise contravene the principles of Islamic commercial jurisprudence. The Islamic financial services board (IFSB) was established in 2002 to guide the development of structured regulatory, supervisory, and legal frameworks appropriate for the Islamic financial services industry worldwide- an industry that is increasingly attracting the attention of major international conventional financial institutions.

Islamic finance: The regulatory challenge provides a comprehensive analysis of the issues that arise in the development of these new frameworks. Edited by two well known experts in the field of Islamic finance, it draws on the relevant expertise of eminent specialists in international finance, regulation and economic law.

Islamic finance: The regulatory challenges sheds much needed light on these issues, and more. As such, it should be considered as required reading for anyone interested in the

potential role of Islamic finance in national and international financial and capital markets.]

Sociology

Asian Culture : June 2007 – No. 31
Singapore : Singapore Society of Asian Studies, 2007
277 p. ; 25 cm.
Singapore Society of Asian Studies 25th Anniversary Special Issue
Annual
\$ 20.00 (Subscriptions Handled)

Modernity and Re-enchantment : Religion in Post-revolutionary Vietnam / Edited by Philip Taylor
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2007
xi, 491 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
Vietnam Update Series
978-981-230-456-8
1. Vietnam—Religion--Congresses
2. Vietnam—Religious life and customs—Congresses
\$ 39.90

[The richness and vibrancy of Vietnamese spirituality are vividly portrayed in these twelve essays that shed light on the remarkable renaissance of religion in this communist country.

Ancestor worship, mediumship, sacrifices, and communal rituals have not only survived Vietnam's reintegration into the capitalist world; they are intrinsic to the dramatic reshaping of its contemporary social and cultural life. Transnational Buddhism and Christianity challenge the political status quo as they answer conflicting aspirations for enlightenment, justice, national development and cultural identity. Making conceptual contributions to anthropology and comparative religion, this book provides insights from post-revolutionary Vietnam into the diverse passage to re-enchantment in the modern world.]

Social Resilience in Singapore: Reflections from the London Bombings / Edited by Norman Vasu
Singapore : Select Publishing, c2007
108 p. ; 21 cm.
978-981-4022-35-4
981-4022-35-7
1. Multiculturalism—Singapore
2. Pluralism (Social science)-Singapore
3. Singapore-Ethnic relations
4. Singapore-Race relations
\$ 18.00

[In the wake of terrorist attacks including the London Bombings on 7 July 2005, the notion of resilience is receiving increased attention from social scientists. Based on the Latin word *resilire*-meaning to jump back or recoil- the phenomenon has been applied to the study of societies' reactions to exogenous or endogenous shocks. Using the London

bombings as the impetus for reflection, Social Resilience in Singapore: Reflections from the London Bombings considers the concept of social resilience in a time where terrorist actions are calculated not just to do damage and cause harm but also to rupture the social fabric of pluralistic societies.]
