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Architecture

National Museum of Singapore Guide / Iola Lenzi; Photography Jorg Sundermann
Singapore : Editions Didier Millet, 2007
128p. 24cm.
9789814217477
\$ 17.50

One of Singapore's most distinctive colonial landmarks, the National Museum of Singapore houses architectural highlights such as the glass rotunda and its 360° video wall, the unsupported glass passageway, and the hypnotic swinging chandeliers. The museum is a jewel in Singapore's crown and this handy Guide explains all. Tracing the institution's profound transformations since it was established in 1887, curator and art correspondent Iola Lenzi reveals fascinating insights into its history, architecture and its role within Singapore's cultural landscape. Exploring the museum's History and Living Galleries, which encompass the Fashion, Food, Film and Photography Galleries, engaging text explains the design, purpose and star treasures they house. Over 120 vivid photographs by Jörg Sundermann help to capture the museum's timeless charm as it continues to inspire visitors with its innovative approach to national history.

Art

Chinese Snuff Bottles from the Sanctum of Enlightened Respect III /Denis S.K. Low
Singapore : Asian Civilisations Museum, 2007
416p.; 44cm.
780 col. Illustrations
9789810578862
\$ 215.00

This new catalogue showcases in depth the style, history and significance of rare and beautiful bottles from the 17th Century till the end of Imperial China and beyond. This is a major new reference for the Chinese snuff bottle community, for the specialist as well as the lady reader.

Batak Sculpture / Achim Sibeth, Bruce W. Carpenter
Singapore : Editions Didier Millet, 2007
368p.; 30cm.
9789814155854
\$ 75.00

Although the art of the Batak tribes in the mountains of northern Sumatra has been admired by collectors and scholars since the 19th century, only a limited number of pieces have appeared in publications over the years. This illustrated book showcases hundreds of masterpieces of Batak sculpture from the Mandala collection. With texts by the world's leading Batak expert, Achim Sibeth, and Indonesian art expert, Bruce W. Carpenter, this book is a milestone in the literature on Southeast Asian tribal art.

Business

Lee, Michelle Twan Gee

World Conquest : in Progress : What Happens when Singapore Companies Internationalise / Michelle Twan Gee Lee

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Business, 2007

184p.

9789812613905

9812613900

1. International Business Enterprises –Singapore – Management-Case Studies
2. Corporations, Singaporean – Management – Case Studies
3. Competition, International – Case Studies

\$ 25.00

This book traces the history and individual journeys of six local business organizations, illustrating the growing pains they suffer as they venture to expand beyond the shores of Singapore and the lessons they learnt along the way.

Communication & Journalism

Media's Challenge : Asian Tsunami and Beyond / Ed by Kalinga Seneviratne

Singapore : Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, 2007

266p.

9814136034

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 29.90

This book examines the challenge journalists face in reporting a process that may not provide dramatic pictures, but still needs to grab the audience/readers attention. Focussing more on the print media, many interesting issues dealing with the reconstruction and rehabilitation process are explored, with analysis and commentary on why some stories are not given the exposure they deserve and how these issues may be made newsworthy.

Media Pluralism in Asia : The Role & Impact of Alternative Media / Edited by Kalinga Seneviratne

Singapore : Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, 2007

273p.

9814136042

AMIC Asian Communication Series

\$ 29.90

This book is the result of a research project covering eight countries in South and South East Asia examining the role and impact of alternative media. The definition of

alternative media depends very much on the political, social, cultural and economic environment you live in. Thus, this book gives the reader an idea of the diversity of alternative media sources available across Asia, which is very much a result of the different media regulatory regimes in the countries included in this study.

Economics

Brick by Brick : the Building of an ASEAN Economic Community / (Ed) Denis Hew
Singapore : ISEAS, 2007

Published in Australia by Asia-Pacific Press, Canberra
250p.

Includes Index

Including CD-ROM Containing REPSF Phase I Reports

9789812307323

\$ 29.90

A Collection of Economic Research on ASEAN Integration issues produced under the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program – Regional Economic Policy Support Facility

Environment

Vanishing Giants: Elephants of Asia / Photography Palani Mohan, Jason Gagliardi (text),
David Bellamy (Foreword)

Singapore : Editions Didier Millet, 2007

120p.; 30cm.

9789814217309

\$ 40.00

Vanishing Giants: Elephants in Asia is a photographic book which looks at the Asian Elephant, their struggle to find a place in a rapidly urbanising world, and the lives of the people who exist alongside them. At a time when its close relative, the African elephant, is flourishing, the Asian elephant is imperiled as never before. The demands of industry and agriculture, populations that are growing exponentially, illegal logging and other environmental degradation: all conspire to rob this king of beasts of his birthright. Asia's wild elephant population now hovers at somewhere below 40,000 in the 13 countries of South and Southeast Asia, which make up their habitat.

The Angiosperm Flora of Singapore: Cannaceae / N. Tanaka

Singapore : NUS Press, 2007

8p.

9789971693701

\$ 4.50

The main aim of this series is to catalogue, describe and illustrate in detail all the extant and extinct species of angiosperms (flowering plants) which have been recorded to occur in Singapore. This totals about 2400 species in 173 families. The series consists of individual booklets for each family, and an introduction containing information on the palaeogeography, human impact, climate, geology and soils, biogeography, vegetation and conclusions. The individual family treatments are written in the traditional style of a Flora, i.e. with the sections on the nomenclature, morphological description, distribution,

ecology, uses, other notes and references for each taxon. Scientific line drawings and/or black and white photographs are also included.

The series should be of interest to agronomists/horticulturists, botanists, ecologists & other scientists in fields peripheral to botany, staff of herbaria, hobbyists & gardening enthusiasts, libraries and plant systematists/taxonomists.

The Angiosperm Flora of Singapore: Erythroxylaceae / R. C. K. Chung & H. T. W. Tan
Singapore : NUS Press, 2007
8p.
9789971693640
\$ 4.50

History

Knowing Southeast Asian Subjects / Laurie J. Sears (editor)
Singapore : NUS Press, 2007
Co-Published with University of Washington Press
296p.
9789971693664
\$ 25.00

The essays in Knowing Southeast Asian Subjects ask how the rising preponderance of scholarship from Southeast Asia is de-centering Southeast Asian studies in the United States. The contributions address recent transformations within the field and new directions for research, pedagogy, and institutional cooperation.

Contributions from the perspectives of history, anthropology, cultural studies, political theory, and libraries pose questions ranging from how a concern with post-colonial and feminist questions of identity might reorient the field to how anthropological work on civil society and Islam in Southeast Asia provides an opportunity for comparative political theorists to develop more sophisticated analytic approaches. A vision common to all the contributors is the potential of area studies to produce knowledge outside a global academic framework that presumes the privilege and even hegemony of Euro-American academic trends and scholars.

The Jews of Singapore / Joan Bieder
Singapore : Suntree Media Pte Ltd., 2007
247p.
9789810591984
\$ 69.50

To give a full picture of the community, the author weaves together information from interviews, oral histories, memoirs, personal letters, family documents, photographs, correspondence and government records from Singapore, Israeli, Dutch and British archives and traces the histories of the community's larger-than-life leaders and their families. Told through an introduction and 18 chapters, the author reveals how Jewish Community members in Singapore suffered, survived and prospered to the present times.

The book with numerous illustrations, highlights the contributions that Jewish leaders have made to Singaporean finance, business, medicine and Law, while living in a

republic that provides respect, religious freedom, equal opportunity and full integration into society.

Breeds of Empire : The 'Invention' of the Horse in Southeast Asia and Southern Africa 1500-1950 / Greg Bankoff, Sandra Swart

Copenhagen, Denmark : Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2007

263p. Includes Bibliography and Index

NIAS Studies in Asian Topics ; 42

978-87-7694-014-0 (HB)

978-87-7694-021-8 (PB)

1. Horses – Thailand – History
2. Horses – Philippines – History
3. Southeast Asia – Economic Conditions
4. Southeast Asia – Foreign Economic Relations

\$ 29.90(PB)

This book explores the 'invention' of specific breeds of horse in the context of imperial design and colonial trade routes. Here, it focuses on the introduction, invention and the use of the horse in Thailand, the Philippines and Southern Africa as well as examining its roots and evolution within Indonesia. In addition, it examines the colonial trade in horses within the Indian Ocean and discusses the historiographical and methodological problems associated with writing a more species- or horse-centric history.

Legacies of World War II in South and East Asia / David Koh Wee Hock (Editor)

Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007

212p.

Soft cover: ISBN 978-981-230-328-8 US\$26.90

Hard cover: ISBN 978-981-230-468-1 US\$34.90

Sixty years after the end of World War II, the political and social fallout from the War is alive and divisive, as scholars in this volume show. One example is how former Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visit to the Yasukuni Shrine prevented China, Japan and South Korea from sitting down together to talk about Northeast Asian integration, and wider Asian integration. Another example is the question of comfort women. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's statement - that there is no evidence that Japan's government or army forced women to work in military brothels during the War - appeared to go back on a 1993 apology for the comfort women. How such issues of history are dealt with by countries of this region has an effect on contemporary relations among the major powers contending for leadership in East Asia.

Our Journey : 30 years of Haj Services in Singapore / Anthony Green

Singapore : Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, 2006

132p.

9810554532

\$ 69.50

10-Stories : Queenstown through the Years / Calvin Low

Singapore : National Heritage Board, 2007

173p.

9789810592554

\$ 29.95

Collection of Memories of People in Queenstown, Singapore.

Secret Trades, Porous Borders: Smuggling and States Along a Southeast Asia Frontier, 1865-1915 / Eric Tagliacozzo
Singapore : NUs Press, 2007
Co-Published with Yale University Press
438p.
9789971693855
\$ 25.00

Over the course of the half century from 1865 to 1915, the British and the Dutch delineated colonial spheres in the process of creating new frontiers. This book analyzes the development of these frontiers in Insular Southeast Asia as well as the accompanying smuggling activities of the opium traders, currency runners and human traffickers who pierced such newly drawn borders with growing success. This book presents a history of the evolution of this 3,000 km frontier, and then inquires into the smuggling of contraband: who smuggled and why, what routes were favoured and how effectively the British and Dutch were able to enforce their economic, moral and political will. Examining the history of states and smugglers playing off one another within a hidden but powerful economy of forbidden cargoes, the book also offers new insights into the modern political economies of Southeast Asia.

A World of Water: Rain, Rivers and Seas in Southeast Asian Histories/Peter Boomgaard (editor)
Singapore : NUS Press, 2007
Co-Published with KITLV Press
240p.
9789971693718
\$ 25.00

Water, in its many guises, has always played a powerful role in shaping Southeast Asian histories, cultures, societies and economies. This volume, the rewritten results of an international workshop, with participants from eight countries, contains thirteen essays, representing a broad range of approaches to the study of Southeast Asia with water as the central theme.

As it was exposed to the sea, the region was more accessible to outside political, economic and cultural influences than many landlocked areas. Easy access through sea routes also stimulated trade from an early age. However, the same easy access made Southeast Asia vulnerable to political control by strong outsiders. The sea is, moreover, a source of food, but also of many hazards.

At the same time, Southeast Asian societies and cultures are confronted with and permeated by 'water from heaven' in the form of rain, flash floods, irrigation water, water in rivers, brooks and swamps, water-driven power plants, and pumped or piped water, in addition to water as a carrier of sewage and pollution.

Finally, the volume deals with the role of water in classification systems, beliefs, myths, illness and healing.

Our Tropical Possessions in Malayan India / John Cameron
Singapore : Ascanio Books Pte Ltd., 2007
Originally Published by Smith, Elder & Co, London in 1865
Facsimile Edition

408p.

Including Col. Plates

9789810588250

Being a descriptive account of Singapore, Penang, Province Wellesley and Malacca, their Peoples, Products, Commerce and Government

\$ 90.00

In 1864, when this book was written, the Straits Settlements were eager, that they 'should no longer remain the dependency of a dependency', but to be directly administered by the colonial office and not via India. Therefore the book emphasizes all positive aspects of Singapore for the empire:

J. Cameron describes as well with enthusiasm and in great detail all facets of social and natural life in tropical Singapore: the various colourful cultures, the mighty jungle, opium smoking, amok assaults, the exotic fruits, the growing city and the busy harbour.

Law

Lives in the Law : Essays in honour of Peter Ellinger, Koh Kheng Lian, Tan Sook Yee / Edited by Dora Neo, Tang Hang Wi, Michael Hor

Singapore : Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore & Academic Publishing, Singapore Academy of Law, 2007

263p.

Includes Index

9789810592639x

\$ 49.50

This is a festschrift in honour of three leading lights in Singapore legal academia, who have recently retired. The book in three sections, reflecting the interest of Ellinger, Koh and Tan. A biographical essay of each person is included in each section.

Literature

Jasmine Fever : Confessions of a jaded expat in Thailand / Frank Visakay

Singapore : Monsoon Books, 2007

216p.

9789810589738

\$ 19.50

When New York chef Frank Visakay traded in the sweaty heat of the restaurant kitchen for the glorious tropical heat of Thailand, he thought he had found paradise. Not only was the lifestyle laid back, the food delicious and the beers chilled but he was even attracting the attention of beautiful Thai women.

Or so he thought. With Jasmine Fever, Visakay offers a series of revelations about his and his fellow expatriates' relationships with Thai bargirls. And, as we learn from one of the eponymously named stories, perhaps he is 'looking for love in all the wrong places'.

Remembering Josh / Deegan

Singapore : Monsoon Books, 2007

9789810592127

\$ 19.50

Interlogue : Studies in Singapore Literature : Volume 6 : Haresh Sharma : The Cultural Politics of Playwriting in Contemporary Singapore /David Birch
Singapore : Ethos Books, 2007
284p. ; 24 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
9789810589714
\$ 19.95

Singapore Ground Zero and other Stories / Michael Vatikiotis
Singapore : Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd., 2007
142p.
9789810587826
\$ 16.50

In these six stories, Michael Vatikiotis explores the paradoxical and tragic world after Al Qaeda's attacks on the United States on September 11 2001. Set mostly in Muslim Southeast Asia, the stories highlight perceptions of Muslim Society and Islam in the wake of the attacks.

Politics

Political and Security Dynamics of South and Southeast Asia / Daljit Singh, editor
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
122p.
978-981-230-476-6
\$ 25.90

Security and economic imperatives are increasingly intertwining the destinies of Southeast Asia and South Asia, making it necessary for scholars on both sides to deepen their understanding of each other's regions. This collection of papers, first presented at a Dialogue between the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore and the Observer Research Foundation of India in March 2006, provides perspectives from India and Singapore on some of the major security and political issues facing the two regions. The subjects covered include regional integration trends as symbolized by the first East Asia Summit, the roles of the major powers, maritime security and naval deployments in the Indian Ocean region, and political and security developments within Southeast Asia.

The Asia-Pacific Security Lexicon (Updated 2nd Edition) /David Capie, Paul Evans
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
248p.
978-981-230-723-1
\$ 27.90

The ending of the Cold War opened a new debate across the Pacific about the meaning of security and the new regional multilateral institutions that were beginning to emerge.

The first edition of the The Asia-Pacific Security Lexicon, published in 2002, identified and defined the key concepts and ideas central to security discourse in the region.

This second edition updates all of the entries and examines the origins and meanings of some of the new terms in common usage in a different historical setting, among them "terrorism", "pre-emption", "preventive war", "a la carte multilateralism", "coalition of the willing", and China's "peaceful rise". And it looks at how concepts such as "human security" and "non-traditional security" have evolved and found new adherents.

Both a diplomatic handbook and theoretical exploration, the Lexicon is based on the analysis of more than 3,000 books, articles, conference reports, and speeches. It does not aim to resolve the disagreements about how words are used. Rather, it makes their evolution clearer for academics and practitioners seeking consensual knowledge.

A New East Asia : Toward a Regional Community / Eds Kazuko mori, Kenichiro Hirano
Singapore : NUS Press for the Waseda University Program on Contemporary Asian Studies, 2007
238p.
Includes Bibliography and Index
9789971693824
\$ 29.95

This book looks at the new East Asia from a Northeast Asian Perspective, considering it both as a theoretical construct and a practical reality.

Renaissance Singapore? Economy, Culture, and Politics / (Ed) Kenneth Paul Tan
Singapore : NUS Press, 2007
276p. Includex Index
9789971693770

1. Public Opinion – Singapore
2. Singapore – Politics and Government – 1990- - Public Opinion
3. Singapore – Economic Conditions – Public Opinion
4. Singapore –Social Conditions – Public Opinion

\$ 24.50

In this collection, public intellectuals and civil society activists discuss Singapore's public rhetoric and liberalization and its association with the development of a creative economy, focusing on questions surrounding conservatism, national identity and values, civil society activism and the societal role of the younger generation.

Russia – ASEAN Relations : New Directions / Edited by Gennady Chufrin; Mark Hong
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
142p.
Includes Index
9789812307361

1. ASEAN – Congress
2. Southeast Asia – Foreign Relations – Russia – Congresses
3. Russia – Foreign Relations – Southeast Asia – Congresses
4. Regionalism – East Asia – Congresses
5. Southeast Asia – Foreign Economic Relations – Russia – Congresses
6. Russia – Foreign Economic Relations – Southeast Asia – Congresses
7. National Security – East Asia –Congresses
8. Energy Policy – East Asia - Congresses

\$ 24.90

This timely and topical book provides insights into various issues high on the regional agenda. The rise of China is closely observed in three chapters in this book. On Russia-ASEAN relations, three authors offer their perspectives. Energy issues are scrutinized. The ongoing efforts to build an East Asian Community are analysed.

Papers originally presented at the second IMEMO-ISEAS ASEAN-Russia Relations Conference held in Moscow, Russia from 3-4 Oct 2006

Official Publications

Guide to the Investment Regimes of APEC Member Economies : 2007
Singapore : APEC Investment Experts Group, 2007
569p.
9789810589875
\$ 80.00

APEC Economic Policy Report : 2007
Singapore : APEC Secretariat, 2007
145p.;
ISSN : 0219-9763
\$ 35.00

Yearbook of Statistics : 2007 [Singapore]
Singapore : Department of Statistics, 2007
299p.
0583-3655
40th Edition
\$ 20.00

Sociology

The 25 Cents Meal and the \$ 50 Buffet : Believe that Life is worth living and you will accomplish great things / Robert Kee
Singapore, Robert Kee, 2007
225p.
9789810575311
\$ 19.50

From Leonard to Leona : A Singapore Transsexual's Journey to Womanhood / Leona Lo
Singapore : Select Pub, 2007
124p.
978-981-402-240-8
9814022403
1. Transsexuals-Singapore-Biography
2. Male-to-female Transsexuals – Singapore - Biography
3. Transsexualism – Singapore
\$ 16.50

Responding to Globalization: Nation, Culture and Identity in Singapore / Selvaraj Velayutham
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
239p.

978-981-230-420-9 US\$25.90 (PB)
978-981-230-421-6 US\$39.90 (HB)

Despite unprecedented levels of global interconnectedness, little academic attention has been paid to how governments actively deal with the challenges globalization poses for national identity. This book investigates the Singapore Government's approach to the construction of national identity and the shifting ways in which Singapore has been imagined in official discourses.

The hallmarks of Singapore's nation-building project have been the state's efforts to manage ethnic differences and ensure the economic well-being of its citizenry. Unlike other global cities which are embedded in a larger nation-state, Singapore is both a global city and a nation-state. Singapore embodies a curious contradiction: while global cities are often theorized as transient spaces, contradictorily, the nation-state needs to be bounded in order to remain viable.

This book focuses on the global/national nexus: the tensions between the necessity to embrace the global to ensure economic survival, yet needing a committed population to support the perpetuation of the nation-state and its economic success. It critically explores how the government has been responding to the challenges of globalization through policy initiatives and official rhetoric to create a "space" for affective identification with the Singaporean nation-state and how Singaporeans relate to and articulate their sense of identity and belonging to Singapore within the context of globalization.

Singapore Hawker Centres : People, Places, Food / Lily Kong
Singapore : National Environmental Agency, c2007
176p.

Includes Bibliographical References
9789812481498
9812481494

1. Peddlers and Peddling – Singapore
2. Singapore – Social Life and Customs

\$ 39.50
