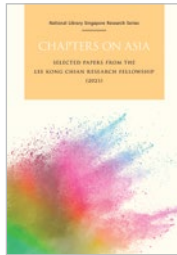


NEW BOOKS ON SINGAPORE HISTORY

Chapters on Asia: Selected Papers from the Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship (2021)

By Benjamin J.Q. Khoo, Zhi Qing Denise Lim and Seah Cheng Ta

National Library Board (2022)
Ebook available on Libby



Focused on the history and heritage of Singapore and the region, *Chapters on Asia* contains fresh research based on the collections of the National Library and National Archives of Singapore. This edition features essays on the circulation of premodern knowledge of Singapore and its straits before 1819, the representation of Europeans in the prewar press, and Chinese newspaper literary supplements in Singapore's postwar literary scene.

From Keroncong to Xinyao: The Record Industry in Singapore, 1903–1985

By Ross Laird

National Archives of Singapore (2023),
321 pages
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From Keroncong to Xinyao is a captivating exploration of Singapore's vibrant record industry from the early 20th century to the mid-1980s. It highlights the multinational giants and first local record companies, the impact of World War II, the heyday of the 1960s and 1970s, and the industry's eventual decline. This book presents a fascinating journey through the industry's triumphs and challenges, revealing how Singapore was once a significant recording centre in Southeast Asia.

Khairat Kita: A History of Malay/Muslim Mutual Aid in Singapore

By Fauzy Ismail, Zakaria Zainal and Zaki Jumahri

Ethos Books (2022), 107 pages
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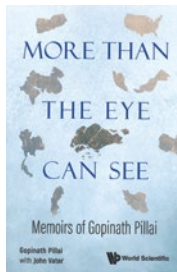


Khairat Kita documents the remaining 20 or so Malay/Muslim mutual benefit organisations (*badan khairat kematian*) in Singapore, which provide aid and charity to families of deceased members. Based on a centuries-old tradition of mutual aid, these organisations are driven by volunteers and are social anchors in the Singapore's Malay/Muslim community.

More Than the Eye Can See: Memoirs of Gopinath Pillai

By Gopinath Pillai and John Vater

World Scientific (2022), 328 pages
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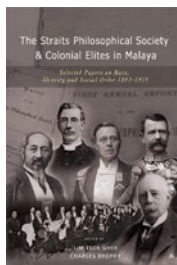


Gopinath Pillai is a Singaporean businessman and diplomat who served as Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Iran (1989–2008) and High Commissioner to Pakistan (1994–2001). In his memoirs, he reflects on Singapore's early industrialisation and the pursuit of its values and interests abroad and at home, framing episodes of personal struggle against milestones in the progress of the nation.

The Straits Philosophical Society & Colonial Elites in Malaya: Selected Papers on Race, Identity and Social Order 1893–1915

Edited by Lim Teck Ghee and Charles Brophy

ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute (2023), 462 pages
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