

RESEARCH FELLOWS 2008

Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship Series

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship welcomes two new Research Fellows, Dr Tan Chee Lay and Mr Desmond Wee. They were awarded their Fellowship by Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library on 11 November 2008.

Dr Tan Chee Lay has a PhD in Oriental Studies, St John's College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom. He received his Post Graduate Diploma in English Studies from the Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore. He also holds a Masters in Human Resource Management from Leicester University, United Kingdom. He graduated from National Taiwan Normal University, Chinese Language and Literature Department, on a Singapore Public Service Commission (PSC) Overseas Scholarship. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the Asian Languages and Cultures, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. His research topic is "A Comparative Study of Critical Essays on Post-1965 Singapore Films in Local Journals and Newspapers".

Mr Desmond Wee has a Masters of Arts in Anthropology from the International School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Nederland. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Leisure, Tourism and Society, from University of Calgary, Canada. At present, he is



Dr Tan Chee Lay (left) and Mr Desmond Wee (right) receiving their Fellowships from Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library

a PhD Researcher in the Centre for Tourism and Cultural Change, Leeds Metropolitan University, United Kingdom. He will be researching on "Becoming Tourist: Performing Place, Body and Identity in Singapore".

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship invites researchers and scholars both in and outside Singapore to undertake collection related research and publish on the National Library prized collections. The Fellowship aims to position the National Library Board as the first stop for Asian collection services. It is open to both local and foreign applicants, who should preferably have an established record of achievement in their chosen field of research and the potential to excel further.

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