



## Adieu, Miss Quah

The NUS Libraries' Hi-Tea held on 27 November 2004 at Fullerton Hotel was a special occasion for us. We bid a fond farewell to Miss Jill Quah with a specially compiled pictorial presentation of her career. Miss Sylvia Yap also paid tribute to her. The speech is extracted below.



"Jill has worked in the Library for 39 years. She joined in 1965 and was the youngest librarian in the history of the NUS Library to be promoted to head a Library department in 1972. She remained Head of the Cataloguing Department for 18 years until she was promoted

to Deputy Librarian (Technical Services) in 1990. In 1992, she again made Library history for serving the shortest time as a Deputy when she assumed the University Librarian's post.

Jill was awarded the Efficiency Medal in 1990. One of her most outstanding achievements was to secure the over \$5 million C J Koh donation for upgrading and further development of the Law Library in 1997. This translated to a sum of over \$18 million with the matching grant from the government. Mr Koh's donation allowed us to initiate a major upgrading of the Law Library premises and to provide a new external facade for the Law Faculty building. It also provided the set-up fund for the NUS Libraries Endowment Fund.

Under her guidance, the Library escalated its introduction of new IT initiatives. Today, we can boast that our IT achievements are comparable if not better than some major US universities.

I have worked with Jill for coming to over 30 years. She was my first immediate library boss. As a boss, Jill is very caring, protective, and loyal towards her staff. She has always viewed NUS Libraries as a big family. She takes the time to get to know all of her staff and is always concerned about their well-being."

All library staff members wish Miss Quah all the very best in the next phase of her journey.

## Thank you



"Thank you Sylvia for your kind words. Thank you Seok Hong and the Staff Welfare Committee members for organising my farewell and for the presentation.

I have worked in NUS throughout my working life. Looking back on all these 39 years, I am thankful for the many opportunities given to me by the management and am most grateful for their strong support throughout my career from October 1965 as Trainee Librarian until the present. I am most fortunate to have had so many opportunities to develop and advance.

I take this opportunity to place on record my deep appreciation to all library staff for their strong support, in particular, Miss Sylvia Yap and the senior staff, especially for their integrity and professionalism. I have been indeed very blessed. Thank you. And thank you all for your generous gift to me.

As for my future plans, I shall be helping my former teacher, Maurice Baker, with his diplomatic memoirs. I hope to see you all from time to time when I visit the Library."

Many thanks for your prompt action and kind help; I do appreciate it very much. I like the perfect infrastructure of NUS, especially our superb library service, all these make me believe NUS is a top first class university.

*Graduate student  
Faculty of Science*



I want to thank you so much for all the effort you put into answering my enquiries. You have gone to great lengths to check all the relevant sources and I really do appreciate it.

*Razia, Librarian  
Institute of Technical Education*

Thanks for the prompt reply! I would like to commend your team for its efficiency in making the Medical Library a useful resource for researchers.

*Graduate student  
Department of Biological Sciences*

## C J Koh Law Library's Publications

The C J Koh Law Library has published various legal research guides in 2004. These are available on our library web site at <http://libpweb.nus.edu.sg/llb> under **Our Publications**. Some interesting resources which you can consult include :

### Bibliographies

- ✧ International trade law
- ✧ Patent law

### Guides

- ✧ Singapore - Legal abbreviations
- ✧ Singapore legal research tools

### Online Tutorials

- ✧ Finding legal information in newspapers (Factiva)
- ✧ Researching English and Australian case law
- ✧ Sources of Singapore law

Some of the online tutorials were prepared specifically for first year undergraduates doing the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Programme at the Faculty of Law. These PowerPoint presentations give an overview to legal resources on Singapore, English and Australian case law.

*Loh Mee Lan ~ C J Koh Law Library*

## Asia-Europe Foundation donates to NUS Libraries



The Library collection was enriched with an addition of 49 Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) publications. The books covering Asia and Europe were donated by Dr. Delfin Colome, the out-going Executive Director of ASEF on 15 October 2004 at the Conference Room, Director's Office, Central Library.

Dr Colome was accompanied by Dr Cho Won-il, the in-coming Executive Director of ASEF and Dr. Albrecht Rotacher, Director of Public Affairs, ASEF.

*Lee Cheng Ean ~ Central Library, Technical Services*

## New Head of Library Automation



With effect from 3 January 2005, Mrs Kim-Chew Ah Too is appointed head of Library Automation Department. She is very much at home with library automation, having been actively involved in the development and implementation of our various automation systems since the 1980s, from the first computer system MINISIS to URICA, then to the present INNOPAC system. She also played a key role in the successful implementation of the computerization of the Chinese Library and the Japanese Language Collection. In addition, Ah Too undertook the Retrospective Conversion projects to convert the old card catalogues of the English, Chinese and Japanese collections into MARC (Machine Readable Catalogue) format.

Ah Too joined the library in 1979 as a Trainee Librarian. She obtained her Masters in Library Science at the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 1983. She was promoted to Assistant Librarian in 1984 and Senior Librarian in 1999. She was appointed head of the Japanese Resources Department in July 1997. When the department was merged with the Chinese Library in October 2002, she became its deputy head. She was also appointed Training Coordinator as of August 2002.

She took over from Mrs Ong Gim Hong who left the library after 26 years of service. Gim Hong joined the library in September 1978. She was appointed head of the new department to handle library automation in 1982. Her greatest achievement was providing users and library staff with a fully-automated multi-lingual library system which contained all the library holdings including our Chinese and Japanese language materials by 1995.



*Lim-Yeo Pin Pin ~ Central Library*



The Law Library is one of the best libraries on the Kent Ridge campus. It is considered world class in the Pacific region and among universities all over the world. I have been enlightened and brightened up by its collection and the specific topics it covers. My appreciation and thanks to all library staff.

*Andrea Hong Suhui, Visitor*