



ACE Enhances Your NUS Experience

It was a weekend to remember. Thanks to the NUS Open House Committee, the NUS Libraries participated in the annual NUS Open House held on 10-11 March. The 2-day event saw the setting up of the libraries' first information booth at the exhibition hall in the Sports and Recreation Centre.



Senior Deputy President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan at the library booth

The libraries' theme, "Academic Resources, Convenient Access & Excellent Services" (ACE), was reflected prominently in the display of posters and PowerPoint presentation at the booth and all the libraries. Colourful yet informative brochures were given out to all visitors. Tote bags were also given to some lucky visitors as a token of appreciation.

Apart from the exhibition booth, guided library tours were conducted at all the seven NUS Libraries. A bus route for library visits was specially organized by the NUS Open House Committee for this purpose. Displays were also set up in each library to publicize the libraries' resources and services.

Visitors to the booth and libraries had the opportunity to learn about the libraries' rich and comprehensive



Prospective students at C J Koh Law Library

resources that support multi-disciplinary and cross-faculty courses. They were informed of the libraries' customized user education programmes, tutorials, and reference and advisory services that will enable them to use these various resources effectively.

All questions, ranging from library opening hours to availability of wireless access network in the library, were answered by our ever-cheerful librarians on duty. Statistics collected showed that more than 1,000 people visited the exhibition booth and the libraries.

All in all, it was a pleasant and memorable day for both visitors and librarians, who took this opportunity to mingle and gain valuable insights from each other. Visitors were left with the knowledge of the libraries' resources and services, special programmes and facilities that will ultimately enhance their NUS experience.

For the librarians who manned the booth and conducted the library tours, the time spent was more than worthwhile as the occasion provided a rare and valuable opportunity for the libraries to be directly involved in marketing NUS and to help make a difference to university education among potential students.

Nureza Ahmad ~ Central Library

C J Koh Law Library Supports Faculty of Law's Partnership with WTO

On 12 March 2007, the NUS Faculty of Law launched the first Regional Trade Policy Course to be held in Singapore in partnership with the World Trade Organization (WTO). In conjunction with the course, a special "WTO Reference Library" collection funded by WTO will be set up at C J Koh Law Library. The collection consists of materials published by WTO and other commercial publishers and access will be restricted to course participants. However, during the period when the course is not conducted, other library users may browse the collection. When the annual 12-week course ends in 2009, the "WTO Reference Library" materials will be donated to C J Koh Law Library and become a part of its collection.

For more details, please visit the NUS Law Partners WTO for Regional Trade Policy Course at <http://law.nus.edu.sg/news/latest/newsWTOfcourse.htm>

Annie Lim ~ C J Koh Law Library

Job Hunting? We Can Help You!

A paramount concern for students about to graduate is the job search. How do you write a resume? How do you write a great cover letter? What do recruiters look for when hiring? What do you say during job interviews?

All these questions can be answered through guides that are available at the Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library. Learn how to write impressive cover letters, how to conduct effective job searches and acquire confidence during job interviews.

Our latest books include *Résumés, cover letters, networking, and interviewing* by Clifford W. Eischen and Lynn A. Eischen; *Make the right career move : 28 critical insights and strategies to land your dream job* by Rachele J. Canter; and *No one will hire me! : avoid 17 mistakes and win the job* by Ron and Caryl Krannich.

As résumé and job search books are very popular, they are frequently on loan. However, you can always place a hold for the books borrowed, and they will be put aside for you to collect when returned. To place a hold in LINC (<http://linc.nus.edu.sg>), click on the orange "Request" button (the button will only appear if the book is on loan, or if it is in Closed Stacks) :

The screenshot shows the LINC library system interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'START OVER', 'REQUEST', 'EXPORT', and 'ANOTHER SEARCH'. Below these is a search bar with 'job hunting' entered. The search results show the following details:

LOCATION	CALL #	STACK#	STATUS
HSSML Books	HF5382.7 Kra 2007		DUE 28-03-07

For students concerned about their future careers, we have other resources which include Human Resource Management (HRM), especially on networking and office relationships; personal finance such as how to handle debts and assets; and Singapore and Malaysia company reports, to equip you with knowledge of the companies you are applying to.

To find out more about how Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library can help you to be better prepared for your career and personal life, contact us at the Library's Information Desk or email us at hssmlib@nus.edu.sg.

Kho Su Yian ~ Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library

Science Library Training Room

Our training room on the 6th floor of the library is now open for students' use when the room is not reserved for any training sessions. This room has 30 new PCs equipped with Microsoft Office applications. Print jobs can be sent to the network printer located on the 4th floor of the library.

Opening Hours (20 Mar to 3 May 2007):

Mon-Fri: 8am to 8.45pm Sat, Sun & Pub Holiday: Closed

Loy Show Yong ~ Science Library

Soft Launch of Chinese Historical Documents Website



The NUS Libraries is pleased to launch a new website hosting the digitized documents of the Chinese people in Southeast Asia. The new website, known as the *Historical Documents of the Chinese in Southeast Asia* (东南亚华人历史文献), aims to showcase the electronic documents on the historical studies of the Chinese community in Southeast Asia available at NUS Libraries. By digitizing the collection, the NUS Libraries intends to provide convenient access to the collection, particularly to researchers and students and at the same time, to preserve fragile primary source materials. In addition, NUS Libraries hopes to collaborate with other Singapore libraries that have similar projects to provide a greater pool of digitized documents for the purpose of resource sharing.

A 3-year time frame is scheduled for the project. At the end of the third year, a representative full-text database of historical documents covering the Chinese people in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, and Indonesia will be established. The digitized documents will be stored in the NUS Digital Library Database and access is open to any organizations or individuals who have collaborated and supported in one way or another in this project.

For the soft launch, the website contains an introduction to the NUS Chinese Library Digitization Project, two local Chinese newspapers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, namely the *Lat Pau* (叻报, 1887-1932) and the *Sin Kok Min Jit Pao* (新国民日报, 1919-1933), and 40 documents on Chinese migration to Southeast Asia especially in Singapore and Penang. The website also includes biographies, individual works, periodicals and magazines, manuscripts and school publications of the early 20th century.

The Chinese Historical Documents website can be accessed via www.lib.nus.edu.sg/chz/sea_chinese/index.htm or through the Chinese Library's homepage at www.lib.nus.edu.sg/chz/index.htm

Lee Ching Seng ~ Chinese Library



Thank you very much for your great help and prompt actions. It was indeed a great pleasure to know that NUS has such a dedicated and helpful staff like you.

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