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Anthropology

A Baba Wedding / Cheo Kim Ban
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2009
xv. 112p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789812617576

1. Peranakan (Asian people) – Marriage customs and rites – Malaysia – Malacca (State)
2. Peranakan (Asian people) – Malaysia – Malacca (State) – Social life and customs
3. Marriage customs and rites – Malaysia – Malacca (State)
4. Malacca (State) – Social life and customs

\$ 19.90

Art

Past Peripheral: Curation in Southeast Asia / Patrick D. Flores
Singapore: NUS Museum, 2008
viii. 218p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789810806637
\$ 30.00
ID: 107664

Past Peripheral: Curation in Southeast Asia traces the history of curation in Indonesia and Thailand, situation it within a broad framework of the emergence of contemporary art in Southeast Asia and the global interest in the art production in the region. It discusses the discourses and economies underlying this history by focusing on the practice of curators and probing it in the contexts of social agency and within the processes of art worlds, alongside other creative ecologies, in which the curator of contemporary art gains relative independence.

Business

Anatomy of the Chinese Business Mind: An Insider's Perspective / Fangyuan Yuan & Meiru Liu
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte Ltd, 2009
xiii. 212p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789814239172
\$ 25.00

This is the first book of its kind that provides a comprehensive overview and insightful analyses of Chinese business culture, behavioral patterns, and mind games from an insider's perspective. It traces the underlying causes of these patterns and games in the context of Chinese philosophy, history, culture, political and economic systems, and regional features. It aims to cover all information essential to understanding the fundamental issues when an international business person conducts business in China or communicate with the Chinese community. It also presents a collection of real cases to illustrate and substantiate theoretical analyses and factual explanation in combination with plenty of useful practical advice and how-to tips.

Sakae! Cooking up a Global Food Business / William Koh
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte Ltd, 2009
x. 136p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789814246927
\$ 19.90

This book provides an insight into Douglas Foo's leadership motivation and drive and his passion to grow Apex-Pal. It helps the reader understand how early childhood upbringing can influence a person's leadership style years later. It also looks at the importance of human resource management where recruiting the right people, placing them at the right place and letting them grow are critical elements in growing a business.

I Ching Management: Mastering Chinese Business Wisdom / Joseph Wong
Singapore: Asiapac Books Pte Ltd, 2009
149p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789812295101
\$ 9.90
ID: 106125

Economics / Development Studies

Asia's Turning Point: An Introduction to Asia's Dynamic Economies at the Dawn of the New Century / Ivan Tselichtchev & Philippe Debroux
Singapore: John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Pte. Ltd., 2009
xiii. 378p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9780470823606 (HB)
\$ 34.00

Life Insurance in Asia: Winning in the Next Decade / Stephan Binder & Joseph Luc Ngai
Singapore: John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Pte. Ltd., 2009
xv. 228p., 24cm
ISBN-13: 9780470824405
\$ 49.50

Economic Policies and Social Welfare in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses for China and Thailand / Peter Wilson (Ed)
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte Ltd, 2009
xiv. 328p,; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9789814239189 (HB)
\$ 53.50

China and Thailand have both undergone rapid economic growth and structural change in the last three decades and this has brought about significant challenges to their social and economic policies.

This volume examines the impact of globalization on these two countries and looks at their responses to issues such as the transfer of technology and how to compete in a world of volatile exchange rates and capital flows. It also discusses the economics of transition, such as fiscal challenges facing the government, and how to open up the banking and telecommunications sectors. Key social problems are also addressed, including the impact of social spending on the economy, environmental issues, child-rearing policies, and how to improve the quality of the health care system.

Common Foundations of American and East Asian Modernisation: From Alexander Hamilton to Junichero Koizumi / Ian Patrick Austin

Singapore: Select Publishing, 2009

xi. 369p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789814022538(PB)

ISBN-13: 9789814022521(HB)

1. Finance – Japan
2. Japan – Economic policy
3. United States – Economic policy

\$ 29.50 (PB)

\$ 52.00(HB)

Alexander Hamilton's profound influence on American life is well-documented. Less well-appreciated is the influence of Hamilton's works abroad; leaders in Germany, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea came to keenly appreciate the relevance of Hamilton's works to the modernization challenges facing their own nations. This book reveals East Asian leader's close association with Hamiltonian thought and practice, and shows that American and East Asian economics share common foundations of state activism that transcend political rhetoric.

The latest Wall Street debacle of 2007-09 has grown into a global financial crisis. Yet, it is far from unique either in the level of unbridled speculation on display, or the pro-activist response of the federal government intervening to prevent systemic failure. This book argues that the future prosperity of not only the USA, but also East Asia, will be defined not by the response to the financial crisis itself but the willingness or otherwise of the political leadership to embrace Hamilton's central intellectual insight: the state cannot abdicate its governance to enhance national life.

The Politics of Knowledge / Saw Swee-Hock & Danny Quah(Eds.)

Singapore: ISEAS, 2009

228p

ISBN-13: 9789812309259 (HB)

\$ 49.90

The publication of this book, comprising chapters written by distinguished scholars, is a timely recognition that these days we are bombarded by suggestions that knowledge is power, that we are operating in a knowledge economy, and that the greatest driver for financial growth and national development is the knowledge industry. There are more sources of knowledge available to a wider range of the world's population than ever before. The Internet has made the dissemination of knowledge possible in ways not contemplated fifty years ago. National boundaries are crossed with consummate ease.

ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009
viii. 103p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789812309327
1. ASEAN
2. Regionalism – Southeast Asia
3. Southeast Asia – Economic integration
ASEAN Studies Centre report, no. 4
\$ 19.90

Mercosur Economic Integration: Lessons for ASEAN
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009
viii. 132p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789812309167
1. ASEAN
2. MERCOSUR (Organization)
3. Southern Cone of South America – Economic integration
4. Southeast Asia – Economic integration
ASEAN Studies Centre report; no. 5
\$ 26.90

Global Financial Crisis: Implications for ASEAN
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009
viii. 52p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789812309181
ASEAN Studies Centre report no. 6
1. ASEAN
2. Financial crises – Southeast Asia
3. International finance
\$12.00

Destructive Creativity of Wall St and the East Asian Response / Michael Heng Siam-Heng & Lim Tai Wei
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2009
viii. 258p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789814273787 (HB)
\$ 24.95

The current financial crisis provides a valuable occasion for the world to re-examine the grand statements of wisdom which dominate the financial world for a long time. The impact is extremely serious as a result of the convergence of a number of factors such as huge current account deficits of the United States, globalization, deregulation, loose monetary policy, and excessive liquidity. This book seeks to address the critical issues in deregulation, derivatives, leveraging, remuneration systems, and rating agencies.

Fostering Monetary & Financial Cooperation in East Asia / Duck-Koo Chung / Barry Eichengreen
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2009
xiii. 175p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789814271530 (HB)
\$ 80.00

Since the Asian Financial crisis of 1997-1998, there has been a deep and abiding desire on the part of Asian policy makers and opinion makers to enhance the region's

economic, monetary and financial self-sufficiency – or at least to ring-fence the region against financial instability and give it a louder voice in global financial affairs. There has been progress in these directions, notably in the form of the Chiang Mai initiative of financial supports and the Asian Bond Market Initiative to build a single Asian financial market. But progress is hindered by disagreements among the principal national governments – Japan, China and South Korea – and resistance to the development of an Asian bloc from both Europe and the United States.

Tourism in Southeast Asia: Challenges and New Directions / Michael Hitchcock, Victor T King & Michael Parnwell (Eds.)

Copenhagen: NIAS Press, 2009

x. 358p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788776940348

1. Tourism – Southeast Asia

\$ 38.40

Tourism is one of the major forces for economic, social and cultural change in the Southeast Asian region and, as a complex multidimensional phenomenon, has attracted increasing scholarly attention during the past two decades from researchers from a broad range of disciplines – not least anthropology, sociology, economics, political science, history, development studies and business/management. It has also commanded the attention of policy-makers, planners and development practitioners. ...

Environment

Orchid Hybrids of Singapore 1893 – 2003 / John Elliot

Singapore: Orchid Society of South East Asia, 2005

303p,; 28cm

ISBN-10: 9810517521

\$ 42.50

This book provides a comprehensive and readable account of all orchid hybrids originating in Singapore. It is intended for everyone with an interest in Singapore orchids, whether professional or amateur. Those who grow orchids will find it an indispensable resource. Those who admire but do not grow, will equally find interesting and informative material. The book is lavishly illustrated in colour and contains a mass of interesting historical and anecdotal information about both the flowers and the activities of breeders in Singapore over the years.

General

World's Longest Journey on Skates / Khoo Swee Chiow

Singapore: Angsana Books, 2009

211p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789814193696

\$ 16.50

Not content with scaling the highest mountains in the world and achieving other superhuman feats, Singaporean adventurer Khoo Swee Chiow undertakes another challenge: to set a Guinness World Record for the longest journey on skates. This book chronicles his 94 days on the road, skating more than 6,000 kilometres from Hanoi to Singapore. Swee Chiow's adventure takes him over rivers, through chaotic city traffic, across steep and remote mountain passes and villages in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand

and Malaysia. Part travelogue, part adventure diary. World's Longest Journey on Skates give us an insight into the conquering mindset of Southeast Asia's greatest adventurer.

Chinese Food Carving / Cao Nai-Sheng
Singapore: Cengage Learning, 2009
vii. 206p,; 28cm
ISBN-13: 9789814253321 (HB)
\$ 66.50

Food Carving is a unique art form that integrates cooking, painting and carving. It works on hard materials such as vegetables, melons, and fruits as well as soft materials like flour, sugar, and butter using such tools as fillet knife, scraper knife, and scooping knife.

Chinese Food Cutting / Cao Nai-Sheng
Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia Pte Ltd, 2009
vi. 98p,; 28cm
ISBN-13: 9789814253314(HB)
\$ 57.00

Food cutting refers to those visual artworks made from various thin-layered food materials using scissors. These artworks can be used in hotels and restaurants to decorate the plates, giving the customers a refreshing feel. This book is compiled by Mr. Cao Nai-sheng who is highly accomplished in painting, food cutting and carving, cold dish presentation, flour dough sculpture, and flower making.

History

BOSS of ME!: The Pocketbook of BIG Thinking - 20 Power Secrets to Remember as shared by Singapore's movers and shakers / Pearlin Siow
Singapore: Armour Publishing Pte Ltd., 2008
x. 121p,; 20cm
ISBN-13: 9789814222556
\$ 12.00

ID: 107662

The people you will meet in this book pursued their dream jobs with a dynamic combination of bravery, support from family and friends, and lots of drive and determination. What these achievers have done can be repeated in many different fields and you too can transform your passion into something gratifying and profitable. Their incredible stories and real-life advice inside will help you think big and get started on the path to the right job, right now.

The Mile Hi! Club: Memoirs of a Stewardess / Janet Chew
Singapore: Pepperconn LLP, 2009
xi. 211p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789810824549
1. Chew, Janet, 1974 -
2. Flight attendants - Singapore - Anecdotes
3. Airlines - Anecdotes
\$ 15.00

The Mile Hi! Club: Memoirs of a Stewardess is an insight to the glamorous and adult world of a real stewardess – a comprehensive collection of humorous anecdotes, scandals and love stories 35,000 feet in the air.

Ever wonder what transpires behind closed hotel doors – if spirits lurk or clandestine lovers romp between sheets? Read about indecent proposals and the lengths stewardess would go to – clinch a promotion, search for love or “serve sauce over your balls”! This book holds nothing back!

Based on true accounts and personal experiences, the former stewardess exposes many little known facts beyond the stereotypical perceptions of the cabin crew.

Wartime Kitchen: Food and Eating in Singapore 1942 – 1950 / Wong Hong Suen

Singapore: Editions Didier Miller Pte Ltd., 2009

144p,; 25cm

ISBN-13: 9789814217583 (HB)

\$ 29.90

Wartime Kitchen: Food and Eating in Singapore 1942-1950 captures the resilience and adaptability of a people faced with limited resources and shortages during the Japanese Occupation and in post-war Singapore, never before examined in detail. Presenting in-depth research alongside anecdotes, personal reminiscences and a collection of wartime recipes and food-related vignettes, the book vividly documents a crucial decade in Singapore’s history with a particular emphasis on eating-an activity famously high in the priorities of Singaporeans. Atmospheric and even nostalgic, the book also examines how hunger and the need for food became an impetus for culinary creativity.

Ridzwan Dzaffir: From Pondok Boy to Singapore’s ‘Mr ASEAN’ – An Autobiography / Ibrahim Tahir (Ed)

Singapore: Editions Didier Miller Pte Ltd., 2009

235p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789814217606 (HB)

\$ 29.95

One of Singapore’s most outstanding civil servants, Ridzwan Dzaffir, gives an account of his life from humble beginnings in a Baweanese communal pondok (longhouse) in the 1930s to an illustrious four-decade career in public service that saw his appointment as the inaugural Director-General of Singapore’s Trade Development Board, President of MUIS (Islamic Religious Council of Singapore) and CEO of MENDAKI. Steeped in the art of negotiation, he was a key figure in Singapore’s trade talks with ASEAN member countries and in international forums such as GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, predecessor of the World Trade Organisation) and several United Nations commissions.

This autobiography provides a glimpse of childhood in pre-war Singapore and offers an insight into the network of international trade diplomacy during the fledgeling years of Singapore’s nationhood and beyond.

Through the Bamboo Window: Chinese Life & Culture in 1950s Singapore & Malaya / Leon Comber

Singapore: Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd & Singapore Heritage Society, 2009

xv. 303p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789810814663

1. Chinese – Singapore – Social life and customs
2. Chinese – Malaysia – Malaya – Social life and customs
3. Chinese – Singapore – Religion

4. Chinese – Malaysia – Malaya – Religion
\$ 22.00

This volume collects together and reprints four classic books written in the 1950s by Dr Leon Comber: Chinese Ancestral Worship; Chinese Festivals in Malaya (with Dorothy Lo); Chinese Magic & Superstition in Malaya; and Chinese Temples in Singapore. These books on Chinese life and customs were reprinted many times but have long been out of print. Written for the layperson, the style is simple and unpretentious, yet Comber meticulously presents a veritable cornucopia of a culture still relevant and extant in modern Southeast.

Cheng Ho and Islam in Southeast Asia / Tan Ta Sen
Singapore: ISEAS, 2009
312p
ISBN-13: 9789812308375 (PB)
\$ 49.90

Tan Ta Sen's book on Cheng Ho and Islam in Southeast Asia is not the first one on the subject, but it is the book that puts Cheng He's voyages in the larger context of "culture contact" in China and beyond. He has garnered numerous sources, from published documents to architectural sites and buildings, to support his arguments. He has done much more than previous scholars writing on this subject.

Colonialism, Violence and Muslims in Southeast Asia: The Maria Hertogh Controversy and Its Aftermath / Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied
UK: Routledge, 2009
224p,; 234 x 156
ISBN-13: 9780415485944 (HB)
\$ 120.00

This book deals with the genesis, outbreak and far-reaching effects of a legal controversy and outbreak of mass violence which determined the course of British colonial rule after post World War Two in Singapore and Malaya. It will be of interest to scholars of British Colonial History and Decolonization and Asian History.

Law

Sentencing Principles in Singapore / Kow Keng Siong
Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2009
cxv. 1388p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789810814861
Law Practice Series
\$ 125.00

Sentencing Principles aims to fill a void in Singapore legal scholarship by explaining the rationale behind Singapore's sentencing laws. It weaves together the many fragmented threads of sentencing pronouncements and organizes them into a series of sentencing principles. Each principle discusses the source of the relevant principle, the rationale behind it, and the issues relating to its application..

Literature

Double Skin: New Poetic Voices from Italy and Singapore / Alvin Pang & Tiziano Fratus

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
107p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789870827212
1. Singapore poetry (English)
2. Italian poetry
Bilingual English – Italian
\$ 15.00

Singapore Sling Shot / Andrew Grant
Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte Ltd., 2009
319p,; 20cm
ISBN: 9789810592257
1. Murder – Fiction
2. Singapore – Fiction
\$ 15.95

Former British agent Daniel Swann is living in semi-retirement in Hong Kong when he receives a call for help from his old friend Thai drug lord Sami Somsak. Sami's stepbrother and his family have been murdered, and Sami's brainchild, the \$6-billion Intella Island project, Singapore's largest offshore construction, is in jeopardy. When Swann attempts to retrieve vital evidence hidden in Fort Siloso, a bloody gun battle erupts on Sentosa island, and staid, quiet Singapore becomes a raging battlefield.

Chinese Triads, a ruthless Colombian drug cartel and a shipping container holding \$2 billion dollars coverage on Singapore as Swann and his associates battle to save the Intella Island project and seek their revenge on Singapore's unscrupulous Thomas Lu-the man hey call The Undertaker.

Paper Boat: A Novel / Rajat Das
Singapore: Angsana Books, 2009
784p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789814193719
\$ 25.50

The Catherine Lim Collection
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2009
435p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789812618566
\$ 16.95

Nu Nu: The Ring-Necked Monster / Adeline Foo; Illustrated by Lee Kowling
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
35p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789810826062
1. Wisdom – Juvenile fiction
2. Girls – Juvenile fiction
3. Tigers – Juvenile fiction
\$ 9.00

The Thing Under My Bed / Adeline Foo; Illustrated by Christopher Martin
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
35p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789810821692
1. Hygiene – Juvenile fiction

2. Bedrooms – Juvenile fiction
\$ 9.00

Monsters On The Wall / Adeline Foo; Illustrated by Joshua Chiang & Din
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
39p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789810821968
1. Imagination – Juvenile fiction
2. Friendship – Juvenile fiction
3. Cats – Juvenile fiction
\$ 9.00

Chilli Padi / Adeline Foo; Illustrated by Lee Kowling
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
35p,; 27cm
ISBN-13: 9789810813284
1. Peranakan (Asian people) – Social life and customs – Juvenile fiction
2. Peranakan (Asian people) – Food – Juvenile fiction
\$ 7.00

Official Publications

Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2007
Singapore: Immigration and Checkpoints Authority
viii. 87p,; 30cm
ISSN: 0217-278X
\$ 30.00

Politics

A Nation Cheated / Chee Soon Juan
Singapore: Chee Soon Juan, 2008
181p,; 20cm
ISBN-13: 9789810808198
\$ 15.00

Small as it is, Singapore has generated many headlines that have caught the attention of the world's biggest moves and shakers, especially those in the arena of trade and finance. Much is made about the country's economic leap, achieved within a single generation of workers. As a result, many tales have been spun about the city-state and the system in which it functions. Repeated over the years, these stories have developed into veritable myths, the most popular ones being that the Singapore economy is the freest in the world, that its people are rich but uninterested in politics and that the legal system is the envy of the world.

This book exposes the weakness of such a system, and outlines the dangers that await the city-state.

That We May Dream Again / Fong Hoe Fang (Ed)
Singapore: Ethos Books, 2009
72p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789810824082
1. Political prisoners – Singapore – Biography
\$ 10.00

Beyond Suspicion?: The Singapore Judiciary / Francis T Seow
Selangor: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre(SIRD), 2008
xxii. 405p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789833782482
1. Courts – Singapore
2. Justice, Administration of-Singapore
\$ 19.50

Southeast Asian Affairs 2009 / Daljit Singh (Ed)
Singapore: ISEAS, 2009
400p
ISBN-13: 9789812309464 (PB)
9789812309488 (HB)
\$ 29.90(PB)
\$ 43.90(HB)

Southeast Asian Affairs 2009 provides an informed and readable analysis of the events and developments in the region in 2008. In the regional section of this volume, the first three articles provide the political and economic overview of Southeast Asia and the region. Eleven country reviews as well as seven special theme articles follow, delving into domestic political, economic, security, and social developments during 2008 and their implications for countries in the region and beyond.

Religion – Christianity

The Quest for Covenant Community and Pluralist Democracy in an Islamic Context / Ng Kam Weng Edited by Mark L Y Chan
Singapore: Trinity Theological College Publication, 2008
xiii. 146p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789814222815
The Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia : Annual Lectures 2006
\$ 15.00
ID: 107663

Sociology

India Fever: The New Indian Professional in Singapore / Amrit Barman
Singapore: Singapore Indian Association, 2009
xvii. 133p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789810823191(HB)
1. Indians (Asian people) – Singapore
2. Professional employees – Singapore
\$ 24.90

Living the Information Society in Asia / Erwin Alampay (Ed)
Singapore: ISEAS, 2009
132p
ISBN-13: 9789812308733 (PB)
\$ 29.90

Undeniably, Asian societies are in a period of transition, when people are learning to live with new information and communication technologies (ICT). The book describes the

interaction of people and new ICTs as the technologies seep into everyday life, such as how mobile phones forge relationships among families separated by migration, how camera phones threaten personal space, how cultural identities are strengthened in call centres, and how religion is incorporated into the new communication technologies people use.

Journal

Biblioasia / Angelina Phoon & Veronica Chee (Eds.)
Singapore: National Library Board, 2009
47p; 30cm
ISSN: 0219-8126
\$ 10.00 Per Issue

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