

# Turning Information to Knowledge: Researchers Networking Tea@Library

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In its drive to support the research community in Singapore, the National Library Board (NLB) organised a Researchers Networking Tea at its new premises on Victoria Street on 28 Nov 2005. Held at the Pod, the session offered researchers from local research organisations and academic institutions an opportunity to interact with NLB's reference and research professionals as well as others in the research industry. It was also a platform for Chief Executive of NLB, Dr Varaprasad, to launch the newly instituted Lee Kong Chian (LKC) Research Fellowship, which is established to encourage research into various aspects of Asian content namely its culture, economy and heritage.

Simultaneously, the event was an impetus for collaborative projects between NLB and the local research community. In the pipeline are collaborative research publications and sharing sessions with researchers and academics. One such project is the *Directory of Humanities, Social Sciences Research and Directory of Business Research*.

Representatives from various research institutes (Asia Research Institute, East Asian Institute, Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, Institute of Policy Studies and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies) and institutions of higher learning (National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University) graced the occasion. It was a rare gathering of researchers, academics and librarians who mingled and exchanged views, ideas and thoughts on enhancing research materials and publications in the National Library of Singapore and NLB hopes to plan for more similar sessions in future.



Director of National Library and Deputy Chief Executive of NLB, Ms Ngian Lek Choh welcoming the distinguished guests.



Chief Executive of NLB, Dr Varaprasad launching the LKC Research Fellowship.



Networking over a sumptuous tea.



Researchers viewing the products of Publishing and Research Services.



The guests went on a tour around the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library after the Networking Tea.