

Research Fellows 2009

Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship Series



Mr Chia Yeow Tong (left) and Ms Liu Oi Yan (right) receiving their fellowships from Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library

The Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship welcomes two new Research Fellows, Mr Chia Yeow Tong and Ms Liu Oi Yan. They were awarded their fellowships by Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library on 14 January 2009.

Mr Chia Yeow Tong graduated from the National University of Singapore with an honours degree in Bachelor of Arts in History. He holds a Masters in Education Management from the University of Western Australia. He received his Postgraduate Diploma in Education from the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. He is currently a PhD candidate and Graduate Assistant in Ontario Institute for Studies in Education from the Theory and Policy Studies in Education Department, University of Toronto. His research topic is "Citizenship and History Education in Singapore, 1965 to 1980".

Ms Liu Oi Yan has a Master's by Research in Chinese Studies and a Bachelor degree in Chinese Studies from Leiden University. At present, she is also a PhD candidate from the Department of History, Cornell University. Her areas of concentration are Southeast Asian History, Chinese History and Nationalism Studies. She will be researching on "Political Visions and Cultural Identity of Diasporic

Chinese in British and Dutch East Indies".

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 have the potential to excel further.

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