Peranakan Chinese in Globalising Southeast Asia: The Cases of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia
Friday 22 May 2009, 9am - 5.30 pm
Possibility Room, Level 5, National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064

8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration

9.00 am – 9.05 am Welcome Remarks
Professor Leo Suryadinata, Director, Chinese Heritage Centre

9.05 am – 10.00 am Keynote Speech
Professor Wang Gungwu
Chairman, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Chinese Heritage Centre

10.00 am – 10.15 am Tea Break

10.15 am – 11.15 pm Session 1: General Overview

Intermarriage, Language, and the Chinese Peranakan in Southeast Asia
Professor Tan Chee Beng, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Peranakan Chinese in Southeast Asia: the Socio-political Dimension
Professor Leo Suryadinata, Director, Chinese Heritage Centre

Q&A

11.15 pm – 12.45 pm Session 2: Social and Political Networks

The Colonial State in the Making of the Peranakan Community
Mr. Kwa Chong Guan
Head (External Programmes), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of History, National University of Singapore

The State and the Peranakan Chinese in Indonesia since ‘Reformasi’
Dr. Mely Tan, former Senior Researcher, Indonesian Council of Science
Quest for Relevance: Straits Chinese in Malaysian Politics
Dr. Lee Kam Hing, former Professor of History, University of Malaya and
Dr Neil Khor Jin Keong, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of History, University of Malaya

Q&A

12.45 pm-2.00pm Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm Session 3: Language and Education

The Peranakan Role in Singapore Education History
Mr. Alistair Chew, Ph.D. candidate, NIE

“Between Water and Land”: The development of the Anglophone Straits Chinese and their literature
Dr Neil Khor Jin Keong, Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of History, University of Malaya

Language and Education of the Peranakans in Contemporary Indonesia
Mr. Didi Kwartanada, Ph.D. candidate, NUS

Q&A

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm Tea

3.45 pm – 5.15 pm Session 4: Material and Popular Culture

Confining and Connecting
Curating Strategies for presenting Singapore’s Baba House
Mr. Peter Lee, Honorary Curator, Baba House

The Sun Yat Sen Penang Base – The quirky chronicle of a Nyonya curator
Ms Khoo Salma Nasution, Author

People Of The Straits: From Chinese Leaders To Domiciled Anglophones – A Contextual Framing Of The Straits Chinese In Colonial Singapore
Dr Chua Ai Lin, Department of History, National University of Singapore

Q&A

5.15 pm – 5.30 pm Closing Remarks

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