

# **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
- The Quest for Relevance: Peranakan Political Leadership in Malaysia, 1786-2008**

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

**Peranakan Chinese Education and Language 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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