

## International Conference

# Peranakan Chinese in Globalising Southeast Asia: The Cases of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia

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**Date:** Friday 22 May 2009

**Time:** 9am – 5.30pm

**Venue:** Possibility Room, Level 5, National Library Building  
100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064

**Fees:** \$30 per pax (\$15 for NUS & NTU students) inclusive of lunch and two teas

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Peranakan Chinese communities and their hybrid culture have fascinated many observers. Some argue that they are still alive while others argue that they have demised as they have become a museum culture. Apparently, observers are using different perspectives in putting forward their arguments. Who are peranakan Chinese? Should they be narrowly or broadly defined? Where are they to be found? What are the peranakan identity and culture? Do they share identical characteristics throughout the Malay Archipelagos? Is peranakan culture confined to just material culture? How have the peranakan communities evolved in the colonial, post-colonial and globalisation era? What are the current status of the peranakan communities and their culture? How is the future or futures of the peranakan community being envisioned?

In order to address the above questions, the Chinese Heritage Centre (CHC) and NUS Museum have proposed to organize a one-day international conference to study these communities and their culture from various aspects. The conference will be held at the National Library Building and is entitled "Peranakan Chinese in Globalising Southeast Asia: The Cases of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia". The conference will focus on general trends and developments with some theoretical frameworks, case studies from three countries, and discussion on their material culture. Professor Wang Gungwu has kindly agreed to give a keynote address. We have also planned to invite ten experts from Singapore and overseas to present their arguments and findings. All of the papers presented will be revised and published as a book in order to reach wider audience

*This is the first academic conference of its kind in Singapore. We welcome interested public to participate in this interesting conference.*

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