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**Launch of the next 15 titles of the 50-volume *Singapore Chronicles* series**

The **Institute of Policy Studies** (IPS), together with **Straits Times Press** (STP), has published 15 new titles in the 50-volume *Singapore Chronicles* series. This brings the total number of titles published to 25.

For IPS, Singapore's only think-tank dedicated to domestic public policy research, this series is the most extensive book project ever undertaken. Its primary purpose is to explain what makes Singapore, Singapore.

The 15 titles are: **Central Provident Fund; Civil Society; Demography; Emergency; Energy; Environment; Food; Gateways; Governance; Language; Opposition; Social Services; Theatre; Transport; and Water**. More information about the books and their authors can be found in the Annexe. The books are available for purchase at [www.stpressbooks.com.sg](http://www.stpressbooks.com.sg) and in leading bookstores. Each book costs \$16 (inclusive of GST).

The books chronicle the evolution of Singapore on a variety of fronts, from governance to the economy, from food and sports to the CPF and our flora and fauna. Each book in the series is designed as a primer on the subject, focusing on its essential aspects and giving a historical perspective. Between 100 and 150 pages long, each volume is written by subject experts from the public sector, academia and journalism. The choice of 50 volumes is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Singapore's Independence in 2015.

IPS Special Research Adviser Arun Mahizhnan, the Series Editor; project consultant Asad Latif; and IPS Research Associate Sim Jui Liang are leading the project.

The first 10 titles that were published in December 2015 are: Colonial Singapore; Constitution; Defence; Diplomacy; Education; Eurasians; Heritage; Indians; Law; and Presidency. Over 7,000 copies of the 10 books have been sold and the titles have gone for a second print run.

Said Mr Arun: "The reception to our first batch of books in this series has been very encouraging. It seems to hit the targets and achieve our purpose of providing insights into Singapore's hard and sometimes controversial choices. We hope this new batch of 15 will add to the Singapore story."

For review copies of the books or to interview the authors, please contact the individuals listed under Media Contacts on the next page of this press release. The remaining 25 titles of the *Singapore Chronicles* series will be published over the course of 2017. Enquiries about the series can be directed to [ips.publicaffairs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ips.publicaffairs@nus.edu.sg).

More information is available here:

- [Information sheets for the 15 new titles](#) (click on "Read More")
- [The launch of the first 10 titles](#)
- [The 25 Singapore Chronicles covers](#)

### **About the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)**

The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) was established in 1988 as an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. IPS became an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore in 2008. Today, IPS continues to analyse public policy, build bridges between thought leaders, and communicate its findings to a wide audience. The Institute examines issues of critical national interest across a variety of fields, and studies the attitudes and aspirations of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analyses and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research. For more information about IPS, visit [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips).

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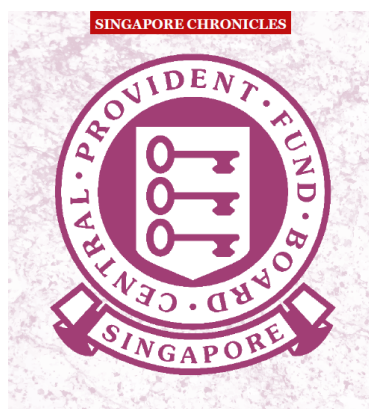
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## Annexe

### The 15 titles published in December 2016



#### **CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND**

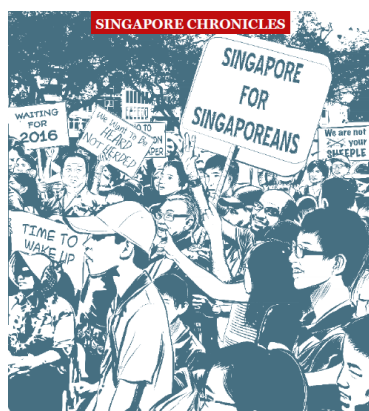
Chia Ngee Choon

#### **Central Provident Fund**

**By Dr Chia Ngee Choon, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore.**

The Central Provident Fund (CPF), Singapore's mandatory savings scheme, has evolved since its inception in 1953 to meet Singaporeans' housing, investment and retirement aspirations. The CPF's trajectory reflects Singapore's economic and social development. Its intricate connection with housing financing has made the CPF a unique social innovation in the world.

*About the Author: Dr Chia Ngee Choon is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the National University of Singapore (NUS). She is the Co-director of the Next Age Institute at NUS and Co-editor of the Singapore Economic Review. Her research interest is on ageing, particularly retirement and health financing and the fiscal impacts of ageing. Dr Chia has provided consultancy services to major international agencies such as the Asian Development Bank, the International Development Research Centre and the World Bank. She was a member of the National Longevity Insurance Committee. In 2012, she was commissioned by the Ministry of Manpower to study the retirement adequacy of Central Provident Fund savings for young entrant workers.*



#### **CIVIL SOCIETY**

Gillian Koh • Debbie Soon

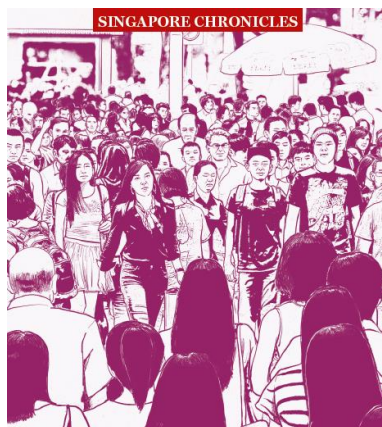
#### **Civil Society**

**By Dr Gillian Koh, Deputy Director (Research) and Head of Politics and Governance Cluster, Institute of Policy Studies; Ms Debbie Soon, Research Associate, Institute of Policy Studies.**

Singapore's political system is often characterised as an activist state dominated by one political party, the People's Action Party. This book adds nuances to that picture by tracing the history of civil society in Singapore; the interaction and contestation between ground-up political and social movements on the one hand, with the state and government on the other. It discusses the legal and working principles that shape how civil society operates today after 50 years of Independence, and its interaction with the state.

*About the Authors: Dr Gillian Koh is Deputy Director (Research) and Head of the Politics and Governance Cluster at the Institute of Policy Studies. Her areas of research and published work are on electoral politics, state-society relations and the development of civil society in Singapore. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the National University of Singapore and her Master of Arts and PhD in Sociological Studies from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. She has been at the Institute since 1996.*

*Ms Debbie Soon is a Research Associate at the Institute of Policy Studies. Her research interests are in the study of political identities, ideologies and political communication. Her published work includes co-authored chapters on emigration, immigration, identity and civil society issues. She received her Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Essex, United Kingdom, and her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the National University of Singapore.*



## DEMOGRAPHY

Yap Mui Teng • Christopher Gee

### Demography

**By Dr Yap Mui Teng, Principal Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies; Mr Christopher Gee, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies.**

Singapore's population is a veritable mix of nationalities, ethnic groups, languages and religious affiliations. This book traces trends and developments in Singapore's population from the pre-Independence period, when there was relatively little control over migration and fertility; through the period of population control from Independence to the 1980s; to the more expansionary years from the mid-1980s until recently.

*About the Authors: Dr Yap Mui Teng is Principal Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. She has written and published extensively on issues pertaining to ageing, fertility and immigration. Her publications include: "Singapore: Population Policies and Programs" in The Global Family Planning Revolution: Three Decades of Population Policies and Programs (2007); "Ultra-Low Fertility in Singapore: Some Observations" in Ultra-Low Fertility in Pacific Asia: Trends, Causes and Policy Issues (2009); "Bolstering Population Growth: From Babies to Immigrants" in Impressions of the Goh Chok Tong Years in Singapore (2009); and "The Ageing Population" in Management of Success: Singapore Reassessed (2010). Dr Yap is the co-editor of Economic Stress, Human Capital and Families in Asia (2013) and Migration and Integration in Singapore: Policies and Practice (2015). She holds a B Soc Sci (Honours) degree from the University of Singapore, and MA and PhD degrees from the University of Hawaii.*

*Mr Christopher Gee is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. He researches the policy implications and outcomes arising from Singapore's demographic trends, in particular, those aspects relating to housing, healthcare and retirement adequacy. His current research focus is on the policy implications of longevity, intergenerational accounts and transfers and the "second demographic dividend". Mr Gee has published several articles on strengthening old-age income support and managing healthcare costs for an ageing population. He holds a BA (Law) Hons degree from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst charter-holder.*





## EMERGENCY

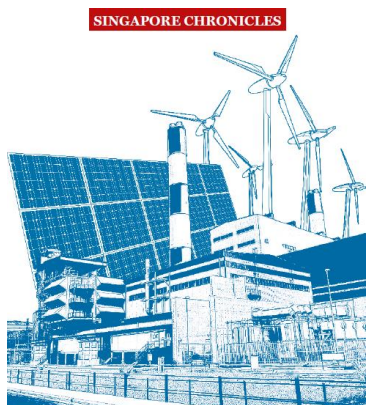
Kumar Ramakrishna

### Emergency

**By Dr Kumar Ramakrishna, Associate Professor, Head of Policy Studies and Coordinator, National Security Studies Programme, Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.**

This book examines the origins of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) in the inter-war years and its subsequent development against the wider backdrop of the Cold War. The CPM, in its quest to set up a Communist Republic of Malaya and Singapore, mounted a violent rural insurgency in Malaya and later shifted to urban subversion of the burgeoning anti-colonial left-wing movement in Singapore. Contemporary Singapore's emphasis on law and order cannot be understood without reference to its long twilight struggle with the CPM, a conflict that ended only in 1989.

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## ENERGY

Tilak K Doshi • Lin Fangjun

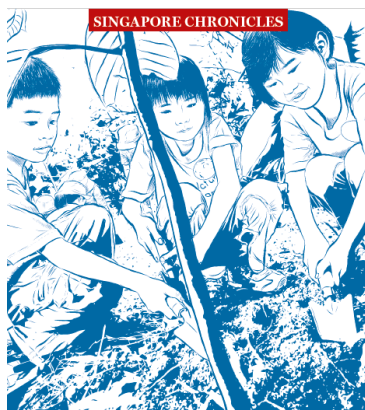
### Energy

**By Dr Tilak K Doshi, former Chief Economist, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore; Mr Lin Fangjun, former analyst, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore.**

How did Singapore emerge as the "East of Suez" hub for oil refining, petrochemicals manufacturing and trading in the early 1980s? This book examines the development of Singapore's oil industry since 1870. Critical policy issues facing government planners in energy security, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability are also discussed to inform the reader of the key issues related to the story of oil in Singapore.

*About the authors: Dr Tilak K Doshi was Chief Economist at the Energy Studies Institute of the National University of Singapore, prior to taking up a research position in the Middle East. An industry expert with over 25 years of international experience in leading oil and gas companies, he was Executive Director of Energy at the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre and prior to that, Specialist Consultant for Saudi Aramco in its crude marketing and corporate planning departments. Dr Doshi received his PhD in Economics from the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii. He is the author of Singapore in a Post-Kyoto World: Energy, Environment and the Economy and Houston of Asia: The Singapore Petroleum Industry.*

*Mr Lin Fangjun graduated from Singapore Management University with Summa Cum Laude in 2013 in Quantitative Economics. After graduation, he worked at the Energy Studies Institute of the National University of Singapore, as an analyst in the Economics Division. He is now managing his family business in Guangzhou, China.*



## ENVIRONMENT

Kenneth Er • Leong Chee Chiew  
• Khoo Teng Chye • Joseph Hui

### Environment

**By Mr Kenneth Er, Chief Executive Officer, National Parks Board (NParks); Dr Leong Chee Chiew, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Professional Development and Services Cluster), NParks; Khoo Teng Chye, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities; Mr Joseph Hui Kim Sung, principal consultant, National Environment Agency.**

Within a few decades, Singapore has been transformed from a Third World city of congested and dirty environs to a First World metropolis of pervasive greenery and cleanliness. This book draws on the experiences and expertise of two government institutions — the National Parks Board and the National Environment Agency — and their predecessor organisations in examining the past, present and future of environment policies in Singapore.

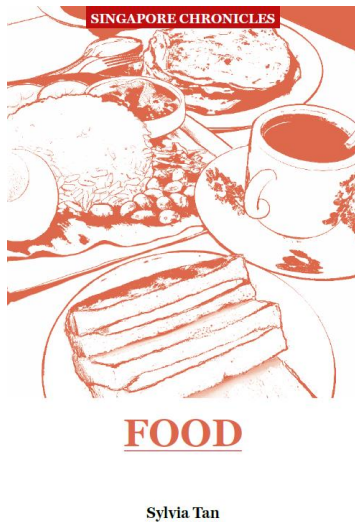
*About the authors: Mr Kenneth Er is the Chief Executive Officer of National Parks Board (NParks). NParks is the lead agency overseeing the greenery of the City in a Garden and biodiversity conservation in land-scarce Singapore. NParks manages more than 350 parks, four nature reserves, extensive roadside greenery and the island-wide Park Connector Network. Prior to assuming his current role, Mr Er was Chief Operating Officer at Gardens by the Bay, where he played a pivotal role in developing the Gardens and overseeing the progress of the project, from concept to completion. His research interests are in conservation biology, sustainable forest conservation, and avian ecology.*

*Dr Leong Chee Chiew joined the Singapore Botanic Gardens in 1983 as a research officer. In 1990, he was appointed Deputy Executive Director of NParks. When the Parks and Recreation Department merged with NParks in 1996, he became the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Specialist Services Department). He is currently the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Professional Development and Services Cluster) of NParks, in charge of policy and planning, streetscape, horticulture and community gardening, industry development, conservation, the Centre for Urban Greenery and Ecology, the National Biodiversity Centre and the Singapore Botanic Gardens.*

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*Mr Joseph Hui Kim Sung started his career with the Anti-Pollution Unit under the Prime Minister's Office in May 1977, and held key positions in the Ministry of the Environment and the National Environment Agency (NEA), including Chief Engineer (Central Building Plan Unit), Head (Strategic Planning & Research Department), Director (Pollution Control Department), Director-General of the Environmental Protection Division and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the NEA. A Colombo Plan scholar and a*

Commonwealth scholar, Mr Hui holds a Second Class (Upper) Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Leeds and a Master of Engineering (Environmental Science) degree from the University of Western Ontario. He is now a principal consultant for the NEA and undertakes local and overseas environmental projects.

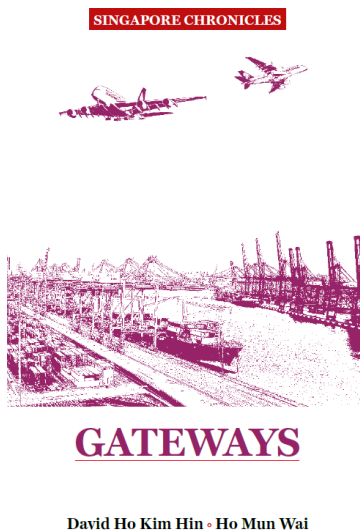


## Food

**By Ms Sylvia Tan, food writer.**

Singapore's reputation as a food paradise reflects its position at the intersection of four culinary cultures: Chinese, Malay, Indian and European. This book discusses these influences and traces changes in cooking practices and eating habits that have produced a sophisticated and cosmopolitan city known for the variety of dining experiences it offers.

*About the author: Ms Sylvia Tan writes on Singapore's culinary heritage and her book, Singapore Heritage Food, is a classic. It describes the multicultural nature of Singapore food, and documents the dishes particular to Singapore and the various culinary influences at play. She also lectures on Singapore's food heritage, including Peranakan food. Over the years, she has made regular appearances at the Singapore Heritage Festivals and has given an extended course on Singapore food heritage to museum curators. Ms Tan has nine cookbooks to her name. The ninth, Asian Larder, is an exploration of the pastes, spices, dried foods and herbs found in an Asian kitchen.*



## Gateways

**By Dr David Ho Kim Hin, Associate Professor, National University of Singapore; Dr Ho Mun Wai, Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.**

Singapore has leveraged on its strategic location and open economy to become a global maritime, aviation and logistics hub. However, intense challenges lie ahead. This book examines how Singapore needs to raise the bar to remain a strategic gateway to the region and the rest of the world.

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Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. He has published in international peer-reviewed journals like the *Journal of Maritime Economics and Logistics* and the *Journal of Urban Planning and Development*. He has also served in advisory committees and expert panels in various public and non-governmental agencies.



## GOVERNANCE

Peter Ho • Anuradha Shroff • Codey Tan  
• Hazel See • Lena Leong

### Governance

**By Mr Peter Ho, Senior Advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore and Senior Fellow, Civil Service College Singapore (CSC); Ms Anuradha Shroff, Lead Researcher, Institute of Public Sector Leadership, CSC; Mr Codey Tan, Assistant Manager, Institute of Public Sector Leadership, CSC; Ms Hazel See Lei Chia, Senior Manager, Strategic Planning and Development unit, CSC; Ms Lena Leong, Deputy Director and Principal Learning and Development Specialist, CSC.**

Good governance is at the heart of Singapore's development, forged by the early challenges that Singapore faced after Independence and shaped by its leaders to reflect their long-term vision. This book chronicles key principles of Singapore's governance and demonstrates how institutions, policies and strategies combined to play a critical role in Singapore's transformation from a Third to First World nation.

*About the authors: Mr Peter Ho was Head of Singapore's civil service, concurrent with his other appointments as Permanent Secretary (Foreign Affairs), Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination), and Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the Prime Minister's Office. Before that, he was Permanent Secretary (Defence). He is now the Senior Advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, where he continues to pursue his interests in good governance and strategic foresight. He is also Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore, and a Senior Fellow in the Civil Service College Singapore. He is the 2016/17 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore at the Institute of Policy Studies.*

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## Language

**By Professor Eddie C.Y. Kuo, Professor Emeritus and Founding Dean, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University, Director, UniSIM Centre for Chinese Studies, SIM University; Dr Brenda Chan, independent scholar, adjunct faculty, Singapore Management University.**

Understanding language use is particularly challenging in a cosmopolitan city-state such as Singapore, with its multi-ethnic society that recognises four official languages — English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil. This book reviews and discusses the changing patterns of language use within Singapore society from Independence till today, particularly how they have been influenced by and, in turn, shape the state's language policies.

*About the author: Dr Eddie C Y Kuo is Professor Emeritus and Founding Dean (1992-2003) of the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He is currently Academic Adviser and Director of the UniSIM Centre for Chinese Studies at SIM University. From 2003 to 2005, he was appointed (founding) Interim Dean of the new School of Humanities & Social Sciences at NTU. Before joining NTU, Prof Kuo had served as Head of the Sociology Department and Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies at the National University of Singapore. An internationally recognised scholar in sociology and communication, Professor Kuo is the founding editor of the Asian Journal of Communication, 1990-2010.*

*Dr Brenda Chan was formerly an Assistant Professor at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at NTU from 2005 to 2012. Currently an independent scholar, she teaches as adjunct faculty at Singapore Management University. She also sits on the National Translation Committee, with a keen interest in issues related to language in media and popular culture. She has published various journal articles related to cinema and television in Singapore.*



## OPPOSITION

Zuraidah Ibrahim • Andrea Ong

### Opposition

**By Ms Zuraidah Ibrahim, Chief News Editor, South China Morning Post; Ms Andrea Ong, graduate law student and former political correspondent, The Straits Times.**

This book traces the history of Singapore's opposition parties from post-World War II days to the present. It tells the story of these parties, which is one filled with personalities, setbacks and ideals. It also examines the opposition movement's challenges and prospects — in particular, its potential growth trajectories and the shape of Singapore's political system in the future.

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*Ms Andrea Ong is a graduate law student and a former political correspondent at The Straits Times.*



## SOCIAL SERVICES

Ho Chi Tim • Ann Wee

### Social Services

**By Ho Chi Tim, Lecturer, National University of Singapore Department of History; Professor Ann Wee, Associate Professorial Fellow, National University of Singapore Department of Social Work.**

The well-being of Singapore as a nation is usually understood and presented in broad imperatives, such as defence and the economy. This book presents a historical overview of another indicator of national well-being: personal social services. In colonial times, relatively less attention was paid to the significant everyday needs of the people in Singapore at various stages of their lives, anticipated or otherwise. The post-colonial Government had taken these matters seriously and over time addressed many issues of social welfare in a systematic and sustainable fashion.

*About the authors: Mr Ho Chi Tim teaches Singapore and Southeast Asian history in the National University of Singapore's Department of History. He researches and has published on topics in Singapore and Southeast Asian history, including Goh Keng Swee's role in Singapore's social welfare history, nation-building in Southeast Asia, and the use of archival records in historical research. Mr Ho is trained in Southeast Asian and World history. He successfully defended his dissertation, The Origins, Building and Impact of a Social Welfare State in Late Colonial Singapore, in September 2016, and is awaiting the conferment of the PhD in December 2016.*

*Professor Ann Wee is currently Associate Professorial Fellow in the National University of Singapore's Department of Social Work, the latest position in a long association that began as a pioneering lecturer in 1952 with the Social Studies diploma programme in the then-University of Malaya. After two years in the Social Welfare Department, she joined full-time the newly established Department of Social Studies in 1957 and became its Head in 1967. By the time she*

stepped down in 1986, Prof Wee ensured a professional footing for social work education, which included an honours programme for social work undergraduates in the Department of Social Work and Psychology. Affectionately known as Singapore's "founding mother" of social work education, Prof Wee has published extensively on Singapore society and social work education. She has also served on various public bodies, including the Panel of Advisers of the Juvenile Court, the Tribunal for the Maintenance of Parents, and the 1973 Committee to Review the Women's Charter. Prof Wee remains closely connected to social services and social policy developments in Singapore.



## **THEATRE**

Robin Loon • Kok Heng Leun  
• Zizi Azah Binte Abdul Majid • Vadivalagan Shanamuga

### **Theatre**

**By Dr Robin Loon, Senior Lecturer, National University of Singapore Department of Theatre Studies; Mr Kok Heng Leun, Artistic Director, Drama Box; Ms Zizi Azah Binte Abdul Majid, Playwright and Theatre Director; Mr Vadivalagan Shanamuga, Playwright and Director.**

This book surveys the beginnings, evolution and current state of theatre in English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil against the backdrop of Singapore's rise as a nation and as a cultural polity. The issues of regulation, cultural-linguistic imperatives, and the use of theatre as a mirror to Singapore, are examined.

*About the authors: Dr Robin Loon is a senior lecturer in Theatre Studies at the National University of Singapore. His research and teaching areas include Singapore theatre, performance, media and creative writing. A practising playwright and dramaturg, his recent works include Theatreworks' LIFT directed by Jeff Chen in 2013 (co-writer and dramaturg). In 2014, Dr Loon, with Casey Lim, Chiu Chien Seen and Michele Lim, founded Centre 42, a centre dedicated to the promotion, creation and documentation of writing for the Singapore stage. A partnership with the National Arts Council, Centre 42 has since created many incubation programmes, residency schemes and documentation platforms.*

*Mr Kok Heng Leun is a bilingual theatre director and the Artistic Director of Drama Box. He has directed over 80 productions and his directorial works have been shown in India, Macau, Taiwan, Austria and Shanghai. Mr Kok is an advocate for applied and engaged arts, and is recognised as one of Asia's foremost Forum Theatre practitioners. A strong believer in research and the documentation of theatre and performance, he has initiated various projects to document and research Chinese language theatre in Singapore. He also teaches in schools and higher institutions, and conducts master classes in directing.*

*Ms Zizi Azah Binte Abdul Majid is a playwright and theatre director. Formerly the Artistic Director of Teater Ekamatra, her directing credits include Chong Tze Chien's Charged, Alfian Sa'at's Nadirah and Robin Loon's Mata Hati. To date, she has written 12 full-length plays that have been staged in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Beijing. Her play, How Did The Cat Get So Fat?, is included in Singathology: 50 New Works By Celebrated Singapore Writers, and her short story "Such Great Heights", in Balik Kampung. In 2012, Ms Zizi was conferred the National Arts Council's Young Artist Award.*

Mr Vadivalagan Shanamuga, or Vadi P V S S, as he is affectionately known in media circles, is an award-winning bilingual actor, host, playwright, writer, director and producer for the stage, television and radio. Starting at the tender age of 10 as a stage artiste in 1970, Mr Shanamuga has since become a household name, especially among the Singaporean Tamil audience. He holds an MA in Creative Industries (Drama Teaching) from the Queensland University of Technology and an MA in Southeast Asian Studies from the National University of Singapore. After attaining his Juris Doctor in Law (Singapore Management University), he was called to the bar in 2012.



## **TRANSPORT**

A P Gopinath Menon

### **Transport**

**By Mr Gopinath Menon, freelance Transport Engineering Consultant and Senior Research Fellow, Nanyang Technological University.**

This book traces the development of Singapore's land transport system since its modern founding in 1819. Until Independence in 1965, the provision of roads, traffic devices, and private, public and non-motorised transport was permitted to develop without any master-planning. It was not until a sound transport strategy was formulated and implemented in the early 1970s that there was a marked improvement in the provision of transport services.

*About the author: Mr A P Gopinath Menon, a freelance transport engineering consultant, is a Senior Research Fellow at the Nanyang Technological University. He was the Chief Transportation Engineer of Singapore for 10 years (1991–2001), during which he was with the Public Works Department and the Land Transport Authority. He has been consulted in all aspects of Singapore's transport issues since the early 1970s.*



## **WATER**

Tan Gee Paw

### **Water**

**By Mr Tan Gee Paw, Chairman, PUB.**

Water is more than a basic human necessity in Singapore. Its supply was a strategic collaboration between two British colonies and, later, the core of a strategic relationship between two independent nations. This book traces the story of how Singapore was almost totally dependent on the Malay peninsula to quench its daily thirst and how it has now become almost self-sufficient.

*About the author: Mr Tan Gee Paw was the former Permanent Secretary (Environment) from April 1995 to March 2001, before his appointment as Chairman of PUB, Singapore's national water agency, on 1 April 2001. Throughout his illustrious career in the areas of environmental and water management, he was instrumental in ensuring the sustainability of Singapore's water supply. He oversaw various key initiatives such as the Singapore River clean-up; the development of NEWater, Singapore's own brand of recycled water; and the development of the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Mr Tan has been conferred numerous awards and honours, including the President's Award for the Environment in 2007 and the Distinguished Service Order in 2010.*