IPS to launch books to celebrate Singapore's 50th birthday

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SINGAPORE: A series of books to commemorate Singapore's 50th year of independence will be launched next year, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) announced on Tuesday (June 10).

The Singapore Chronicles will comprise of 50 volumes written by experts in their field. It will cover topics in the fields of politics and governance, the environment, arts and culture and the economy, the IPS stated.

Each book is to serve as a primer on a subject, and can be thought of as an "extended Wikipedia article" written by specialists for the general public. It will serve to record, explain and offer some insights into what makes Singapore, Singapore, it added.

Authors include Ambassador Chan Heng Chee, former Permanent Secretaries Peter Ho and Bilahari Kausikan, food writer Sylvia Tan, academic Chua Beng Huat and biologist N Sivasothi, the IPS revealed.