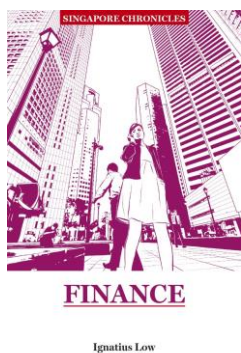


Singapore Chronicles wraps up 2017 with another 5 titles

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THE INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES (IPS) has published another five titles in its 50-volume [Singapore Chronicles series](#), bringing the total to 35 so far. The titles published in December 2017 are: *Finance*, *Flora and Fauna*, *Policing*, *Sports* and *Urban Planning*.



As one of the world's premier financial centres, Singapore is home to hundreds of banks, insurers, oil traders and hedge fund managers, but it is not an overnight success story. Written by Ignatius Low, head of the Singapore Press Holdings' integrated media solutions team and former Deputy Editor of *The Straits Times*, the volume on **Finance** traces the development of Singapore's financial sector, from the decision to issue its own currency in 1967 to the implementation of the "Asian Dollar Market" while weathering storms such as the Barings debacle. The volume also examines the regulatory challenges facing the sector that are already on the horizon.



Despite the loss of much of its primeval vegetation cover, Singapore boasts more than 1,500 native vascular plant species, 65 mammal species, 392 bird species, 324 butterfly species and 109 reptile species, among others. Besides serving as a vibrant (read: full-colour) primer on the rich plant and animal life existing in Singapore, the volume on **Flora and Fauna** highlights the physical characteristics of the terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems that have managed to survive in this densely populated city-state. The book is authored by Dr Wilson Wong, Deputy Director of Horticulture and Curator of Palms, Shrubs and Ornamentals at the Singapore Botanic Gardens.



Asad Latif

The peace and security that Singaporeans have come to enjoy today is not by chance. It is partly the result of imposing tough — and some would argue, draconian — laws on crimes such as murder, narcotics, corruption, commercial crime and cybercrime. The volume on **Policing** also examines the role played by the prison system, internal security laws and border security in the state's overall approach to security. This book is written by veteran journalist Asad Latif, who is also the Co-General Editor of the *Singapore Chronicles* series.



Godfrey Robert

Decades before Singapore's long-awaited Olympic gold medal dream was realised, sports was used to produce healthy and productive workers for the economy. The volume on **Sports**, written by Godfrey Robert, the former Sports Editor of *The Straits Times*, charts the development of sports in the country, from being an amateur pastime to one that emphasises professionalism as well. The book also pays tribute to the sportsmen and sportswomen whose passion, dedication, struggles and accomplishments move a nation.



Heng Chye Kiang - Yeo Su-Jan

Finally, the **Urban Planning** volume is co-authored by Professor Heng Chye Kiang, who teaches sustainable urban planning and design at the National University of Singapore, and Dr Yeo Su-Jan, a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of British Columbia. Through this primer, readers will appreciate the important role that land planning plays in Singapore's physical transformation and economic development. Further challenges in the light of demographic changes, technological advances and environmental pressures are also explored.

The *Singapore Chronicles* series, as a whole, explains what makes Singapore, Singapore. It is a quick and easy read, written by experts in a way even a lay person can enjoy.

The above books, as well as the 30 titles published earlier, are available in major bookstores as well as on the [online portal of Straits Times Press](#), the book series' co-publisher.

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