

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2009

### Medals & Prizes Winners, AY2008-2009

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded medals & prizes for AY2008-2009:

- **Special Book Prize (ARS 2)** – Wee Feng Yi
- **The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Prize (ARS 3)** – Chen Zhihui Pearlyn
- **Kernal Singh Sandhu Prize (ARS 4)** – Koh Swee Hong Edwin
- **The Benjamin Batson Gold Medal (MA in Southeast Asian Studies)** – Nyan Ming Ren Francis

### The Preservation Monument Board (PMB) Honours Thesis Research Grant

Winna Ng Ying Ying (ARS 4) was awarded the PBM Honours Thesis Research Grant (\$1 500) for her thesis, "The Presentation of the Peranakan Community at the Peranakan Museum".

### The Most Influential Books on Southeast Asia

Prof. Reynaldo Ileto's book, *Pasyon and Revolution: Popular Movements in the Philippines, 1840-1910*, is selected as one of the most influential books on Southeast Asia by the Editorial Team of SOJOURN: The Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia and its International Advisory Panel in an exercise to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS).

Altogether, 45 books were nominated but 14 works were selected as most influential on grounds that they have: influenced theory formation and/or empirical perceptions in Southeast Asia; continued to serve as pivotal reference points for contemporary scholars; and transcended the period they were written in.

Congratulations to Prof. Ileto who also appears to be the only non-Western scholar to make the list.

The list by SOJOURN is as follows:

Furnivall, J.S. *Colonial Policy and Practice: A Comparative Study of Burma and Netherlands India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1948.

Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450–1680*. 2 Volumes. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988–1993.

Scott, James C. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1976.

Anderson, Benedict R.O'G. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London, New York: Verso, 1991 (1983).

Geertz, Clifford. *Agricultural Involution: The Process of Ecological Change in Indonesia*. Berkeley and Los Angeles, California: University of California Press, 1963.

**Ileto, Reynaldo Clemeña. *Pasyon and Revolution: Popular Movements in the Philippines, 1840–1910*. Quezon City: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1979.**

Leach, Edmund Ronald. *Political Systems of Highland Burma: A Study of Kachin Social Structure*. London: G. Bell & Sons, Ltd., 1954.

Scott, James C. *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985.

Geertz, Clifford. *The Religion of Java*. Glencoe, Ill.: Free Press, 1960.

Kahin, George McTurnan. *Nationalism and Revolution in Indonesia*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1952.

Roff, William R. *The Origins of Malay Nationalism*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1967.

Leur, J.C. van. *Indonesian Trade and Society: Essays in Asian Social and Economic History*. The Hague: W. Van Hoeve, 1955.

Wertheim, W.F. *Indonesian Society in Transition: A Study of Social Change*. Bandung: Sumur Bandung, 1956.

Wertheim, W.F. *East-West Parallels: Sociological Approaches to Modern Asia*. The Hague: W. Van Hoeve, 1964.

For details on selection process and review essays of some of the selected books, see the SOJOURN website at: <http://www.iseas.edu.sg/sojredirect.htm>

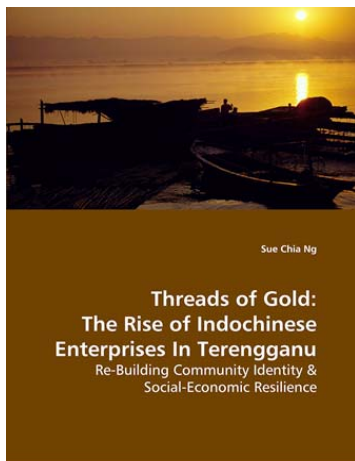
### **Publication of Ms. Ng Sue Chia's Honours Thesis (BA Hons, Cohort 2002-2003)**

An Honour's Thesis from the SEASP by Ms Ng Sue Chia (Honours Cohort 2002/2003) titled, "Threads of Gold: The Rise of Indochinese Enterprises in Terengganu" was spotted by a German Publishing house (VDM-Publishing) which approached her for the publication of her thesis. Retaining the original thesis title, the published book will be launched some time in September 2009 and available for purchase on Amazon.com and Nobles & Barnes.com.

Congratulations to Sue Chia for this accomplishment!

The publisher's advertisement of Sue Chia's book is noted below:

Sue Chia Ng  
**Threads of Gold:  
The Rise of Indochinese Enterprises in Terengganu**  
VDM Verlag, 2009



It has been more than 20 years since the Cham community settled en masse in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. Yet, hardly much is written about them. This book aims to provide an ethnographical study and examine the immediate history, networks and identity of the Cham Diaspora. The locals had assumed that they are either 'Malays' from Cambodia or 'Vietnamese Muslim converts'. They are Muslim-Cham from Cambodia and Vietnam, who fearing the assaults of the Pol Pot regime and possible threats to their identity-and-religion, have from 1975 begun to flee to various United Nations-run refugee camps in Thailand, hoping to be resettled in Malaysia. From their initial occupations as petty traders and odd job labourers, they have emerged as successful textile and gold retailers in KT. They have also built a socio-economic network within their community on which they could depend for various form of support.

This book would be of interest to anthropologists and political analysts who are studying minority group relations and the social- political dynamics of refugees-local population interactions.

About the Author: Ng Sue Chia graduated with a Second Upper Class Honours Degree from the SEASP in 2003. Upon graduation, she became a Media Planner with Mindshare Singapore, an advertising MNC based in Singapore, where her job regularly took her to the company's New York office for work. She went on to do a M.A in International Political Economy at NTU on an IDSS Research Assistance Study Award. After her Masters, Sue Chia began work at the Homeland Defence Programme, Centre of Excellence for National Security, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU. She first worked as a Research Assistant and then as Research Analyst and is currently an Associate Research Fellow at the Centre.

Dr. Douglas Kammen was appointed as Visiting Research Fellow at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) in April-May 2009