BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

You are invited to celebrate the launch of
‘COLLECTED READINGS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN SINGAPORE’ & ‘COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARENAS IN SINGAPORE’

Guest of Honour
Deputy Prime Minister /Minister Of Finance
Mr Heng Swee Keat

25 OCTOBER 2019 | 5pm
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Program:
4:30 - 5pm: Registration (Guests to be seated by 5pm)
4:50pm: Arrival of Guest of Honour DPM Heng Swee Keat
5:05pm: Opening remarks by Dr S Vasoo
5:15pm: Remarks by A/P Bilveer Singh
5:25pm: Comments by Guest of Honour followed by Book Launch
5:45pm: Tea Reception
6:30- 7pm: Panel Discussion by Book Contributors
7- 8pm: Q&A

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The book carries a collection of articles written by Professor S Vasoo over the past three decades or so on community development work and its issues in the Singapore context. Organised around seven themes that can be or are being addressed by community development, the articles illustrate how community development intervention has been applied on social issues like juvenile delinquency, ageing population, family values, and urban dwelling. Topics on volunteer management and grassroots participation are also discussed. This volume concludes by sketching the future of community development in Singapore.

Community and social workers can find some resonance to the work and challenges they are facing in community problem-solving and meeting the needs of people in various neighbourhoods. The readings will give them a framework to find innovative ways for encouraging community problem-solving.
ABOUT PROFESSOR S VASOO

Professor S Vasoo is Associate Professorial Fellow at the Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore. He obtained his Doctorate and Master of Social Work from the University of Hong Kong and holds a Diploma in Social Studies with distinction from the University of Singapore. He authored a number of monographs on social issues and has published various such articles both internationally and locally. He was awarded the Honorary Life Member of the Singapore Association of Social Workers for his outstanding contributions to social work in Singapore. He was the Member of Parliament from 1984 to 2001 and he also served as Chairman of Government Parliamentary Committee for Community Development. He is Advisor to a number of Voluntary Welfare Organisations in Singapore and still actively involved in community development work and activities.

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Edited by: S Vasoo (National University of Singapore, Singapore), Bilveer Singh (National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Singapore's progress as an independent nation and the uplifting of its people's livelihood have been made possible by stable social and political conditions. A more important factor in driving these positive changes lies with people-centric leadership. One can contrast the case of Singapore with societies led by self-serving leaders whose lack of honesty and integrity brings about immense social and economic hardships to various communities. When people suffer under undesirable circumstances, they often migrate to seek better future for themselves and their families.

This book reveals how Singapore's governance grounded on the principle of asset building facilitates the country's growth and development. Policies being discussed in this volume include multi-culturalism, accessible housing, social mobility for low-income families, water resource management, and national conscription.

Highly relevant for students, policy makers and the general public interested in socio-political and economic development issues, this unique piece of work not only gives readers a documentary account of what has been undertaken to empower and assist citizens in the last 50 years or so, but also prompts them to reflect on Singapore's future trajectory.

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