



Candidate for the position of Vice-Chair

Mr Gene TAN
Director
National Library of Singapore

Gene Tan is Director of the National Library of Singapore. Gene is a librarian by training and was also the President of the Library Association of Singapore spearheading the representation of librarians' and libraries' interests in Singapore.

In his career as a librarian, he has done innovative projects to reinvent the nature of librarianship. These include the original library@orchard and being involved in the development of the National Library Building. He was the winner of The Enterprise Challenge (TEC) Champion award for developing and promoting innovation in Singapore's public service. As Director of the National Library, Gene directs the Singapore Memory Project, a whole of nation project that was announced by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at his National Day Rally in 2011. It aims to develop a national bank of content on Singapore through collecting, preserving, organising and promoting the use of anything that has ever been said or thought about Singapore.

And through SURE- another national project, Gene has developed an information literacy programme for Singaporeans so as to build a more discerning nation capable of applying the principles of information literacy to research and discovery.

Regionally, Gene is heading with the National Library of New Zealand a collaborative digital project entitled Asia-Pacifica to pull together content from all the major content institutions in the region. Gene has successfully engaged all the ASEAN countries to participate in the project.

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