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Architecture

Designing A City in Nature / Jason Wright & Audrey Xu
Singapore: National Parks Board, 2022
168p.
9789811859434
\$ 45.00 / HB
1106gm.

Singapore strives to become a City in Nature, where nature is restored into the built environment, and brought closer to everyone's lives. Featuring 31 highly acclaimed and distinctive landscape architecture projects by the National Parks Board and Recognised Practices under the Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects, Designing a City in Nature explores how landscape architecture contributes to Singapore's City in Nature transformation, showing that nature can be successfully integrated into the dense urban fabric beyond parks and gardens.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853039>

Biography/Memoirs

No Complaints and No Regrets : Louis Soliano in Respect / Louis B Soliano
Singapore: OPUS Editorial Private Limited, 2023
298p.
9789811857799
1. Soliano, Louis, 1942-.
2. Jazz musicians – Singapore – Biography.
3. Jazz - Singapore
\$ 75.00 / HB
1608gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853040>

My Sister Meda: A Memoir of Old Singapore / Diana Saltoon (Ed) Jacob D. Salzer
USA: A Lulu Publication, 2023
344p.
9781387237760
\$ 30.00 / PB
454gm.

My Sister Meda: A Memoir of Old Singapore by Diana Saltoon describes her family growing up in Singapore within a Sephardic Jewish Community during pre-war and post-WW2. The author depicts the history of an enclave of Sephardic Jews that arrived and settled on the island, calling their community the Mahalla. This memoir revolves around the author's

family, love, relationships, and particularly her sister Meda. Saltoon brings to light a Singapore that few in today's world know and the phenomenal harmony that existed between the country's diverse, multicultural population under the umbrella of colonial rule.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853041>

Ecology/Environment

Get To Know Them: Introduction to Singapore's Common Bird Folk! / Ellena Gabrielle
Singapore: Singapore Asia Publishers Pte Ltd, 2023
76p.
9789813421738
\$ 29.00 / HB
274gm.

The express objective for creating this book has always been to provide a concise introduction to various bird species regularly occurring in Singapore. The content has been carefully designed and researched to provide the reader with key insight regarding these birds. In addition, this book is written and illustrated by an overenthusiastic birdwatcher. In this book, she share her personal experiences encountering these 20 bird species in her ventures throughout Singapore's parks and gardens. I hope Get To Know Them: Introduction to Singapore's Common Bird Folk will appeal to both the beginner and experienced adventurer, as I aim to utilize my story to breathe new life and offer a new and more positive perspective regarding what is often overlooked by the public; the common neighborhood birds. A portion of this book's profits will be donated to National Parks Board to fund wildlife conservation and research facilities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850303>

Floral Malesiana, Volume 5, 2023: Hymenophyllaceae / (Ed) P.C. van Welzen
Singapore: National Park Board, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 2023
176p.
Includes Index
9789065190222
Series II – Ferns and Fern Allies
\$ 35.00 / PB
370gm.

This volume provides a wealth of information on the filmy fern family (Hymenophyllaceae) in Malesia, the tropical region extending from Peninsular Malaysia to New Guinea. Eight genera and 104 species including all 17 species native to Singapore are included, and detailed descriptions, synonymy, and identification keys, as well as information on distributions, habitats and ecology, fossils, reproduction and phytochemistry are provided. Morphological characters and Hymenophyllaceae systematics and molecular phylogenetics are discussed.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853042>

A Guide to Macrofungi in Singapore / Serena ML Lee & Amy MF Choong
Singapore: National Park Board, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 2023
232p.
9789811871870
\$ 30.00 / PB
592gm.

A Guide to Macrofungi in Singapore is the outcome of seven years of field work and identification in Singapore by Serena Lee of the Singapore Botanic Gardens and six years of teaching Fungal Biology by Amy Choong of the National University of Singapore. It is written for anyone who wishes to learn about fungi, and how to identify and classify the fungi they encounter.

This book aims to introduce people to the fascinating worlds of macrofungi and slime moulds (which may be mistaken as true fungi in their spore-bearing stage). As the first guidebook to Singapore's amazing diversity of macrofungi and slime moulds, it sheds light on the current state of fungal taxonomy here, and seeks to highlight the importance of these organisms' role in our ecosystem.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853043>

History

Fort Canning Park: Heritage and Gardens / Chang Mun Wye & Sara-Ann Ang
Singapore: National Park Board, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 2022
152p.

Includes Selected Bibliography

9789814928885

\$ 39.90 / PB

474gm.

This book highlights the rich heritage of Fort Canning Park, opening with a scholarly introduction to the history of area written by Dr John Miksic. Dr Miksic was instrumental in introducing archaeology to Singapore and discovered the material evidence for the 14th century settlements on and around Fort Canning. The book also showcases the nine landscaped historical gardens opened by NParks in 2019. Beyond a mere description of each of the gardens, it delves deeper— into the historical significance and the thought process behind the designs and plant choices. Readers are also provided with interesting stories and facts about Fort Canning Park's fauna, heritage monuments and objects, and buildings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853044>

The History of Chartered Surveyors in Singapore: The First Hundred Years: 1868-1968 / Bill Jones

Singapore: World Scientific, 2023

xxii, 498p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789811268441

1. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – History.
2. Surveyors – Singapore – History – 19th century.
3. Surveying – Singapore – History – 19th century.
4. Surveyors – Singapore – History – 20th century.
5. Surveying – Singapore – History – 20th century.

\$ 50.00 / HB

974gm.

There is a rich history of achievements by Chartered Surveyors in Singapore going back as far as the 1880s. Their stories have largely gone untold. This book tells the stories of individual Chartered Surveyors in Singapore over the first hundred years since the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was founded (1868 to 1968) and explains the role they played in the development of Singapore. The book also includes the stories of the pioneer Singaporean Chartered Surveyors from the 1940s onwards, many of whom studied overseas

but returned to Singapore where they would play important roles in the real estate industry over future decades.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853045>

Southeast Asia After the Cold War : A Contemporary History / Ang Cheng Guan

Singapore: NUS Press, 2019

viii, 286p.

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9789813250789

1. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations – 20th century.
2. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations – 21st century.
3. Southeast Asia – History – 20th century.
4. Southeast Asia – History – 21st century.

\$ 32.00 / PB

432gm.

International politics in Southeast Asia since end of the Cold War in 1990 can be understood within the frames of order and an emerging regionalism embodied in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). But order and regionalism are now under siege, with a new global strategic rebalancing under way. The region is now forced to contemplate new risks, even the emergence of new sorts of cold war, rivalry and conflict.

Ang Cheng Guan, author of Southeast Asia's Cold War, writes here in the mode of contemporary history, presenting a complete, analytically informed narrative that covers the region, highlighting change, continuity and context.

Crucial as a tool to make sense of the dynamics of the region, this account of Southeast Asia's international relations will also be of immediate relevance to those in China, the USA and elsewhere who engage with the region, with its young, dynamic population, and its strategic position across the world's key choke-points of trade. This is essential reading for decision-makers who wish to understand our current situation, looking back to the end of the Cold War thirty years ago, and forward to an uncertain future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=629471>

A Shift in the Wind / (Ed) Chew Kheng Chua (et al.)

Singapore: Function 8 Ltd, 2023

xiv, 88p.

9789811864230

\$ 15.00 / PB

162gm.

In the 1980s, Singapore's first opposition member of parliament since 1966 was elected. A group of political observers sensing this "shift in the wind", decided to lay bare the ideological threads that linked the PAP's policy choices, governance approach, and by extension, the current social structures formed by the ruling government. The result was a book providing an overview of the local socio-political landscape. Written almost 40 years ago when a historical shift in Singapore's democracy seemed imminent, the same hope echoes today as we see the opposition gaining more seats in Parliament after the recent 2020 General Election. The critiques of the government's authoritarian tendencies and elitist meritocratism are even more relevant today, after more than 58 years of nation building under one party.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849653>

Livro de Pantuns, Um Manuscrito Asiático do Museu Nacional de Arqueologia, Lisboa = Book of Pantuns, An Asian Manuscript of the National Museum of Archeology, Lisbon / (Ed) Ivo Castro (et al.)

Lisbon, Portugal: INCM - Imprensa Nacional Casa da Moeda, 2022

352p.

English & Portuguese Languages

9789722729079

\$ 135.00 / PB

690gm.

Esta edição bilingue (português e inglês) proporciona a primeira leitura integral deste documento histórico, acompanhada de análise filológica, linguística, literária e histórica. Editado com o apoio do Museu Nacional de Arqueologia e do Centro de Linguística da Universidade de Lisboa.

«Versos como estes - de amor, de guerra e de moralidade - foram, ao que tudo indica, escritos na ilha de Java, em malaio e num extinto crioulo de base portuguesa.

Chegaram até nós preservados num manuscrito com cerca de três séculos, que aqui é publicado pela primeira vez e na íntegra.

O manuscrito que pertenceu a Leite de Vasconcelos, foi recentemente encontrado no seu espólio do Museu Nacional de Arqueologia, em Lisboa.»

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849368>

Law

A Practice Guide to Company Secretarial Obligations in Singapore / Cheah Foo Seong
2nd Edition

Singapore: CCH Asia Pte Ltd, (Wolters Kluwer), 2022

xiv, 649p.

Includes Index.

9789814838573

\$ 225.00/ PB

766gm.

The Practical Guide to Company Secretarial Obligations, 2nd Edition provides a comprehensive commentary and detailed guidelines on how to conduct the duties of corporate secretaries, followed by case studies to aid understanding and application. Readers will appreciate insights to the provisions of company law, governance aspects and how they are applied in the commercial world.

The book contains procedures and case references on the vital issues pertaining to the interpretation of company law by the courts, and the necessary governance of corporations. Directors will have a better understanding on their responsibilities, the extent and limitations of their powers and their liabilities for failure to comply with the law.

The book has the relevant and latest provisions relating to amendments to the Singapore Companies Ordinances, and rules and other important information, including the Securities and Futures Act, SGX Listing Rules, Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) and the Code of Corporate Governance are referred to, as well. The book will also benefit lecturers, students and other professionals dealing with corporations and the study of commercial and corporation laws, especially the application aspects.

Key Features

Updates of any relevant case laws

Relevant and latest provisions relating to amendments to the Singapore Companies Ordinances, and rules and other important information, including the Securities and Futures Act, SGX Listing Rules, Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) and the Code of Corporate Governance are referred to, as well

The eBook has a Toolkit chapter consisting of editable forms and templates.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850995>

Mergers and Acquisitions in Singapore: Law and Practice (Second Edition) /

Wan Wai Yee (Author) , Umakanth Varottil (Author)

Singapore: Lexis Nexis, 2023

9789815019698

\$ 300.00 /

Mergers and Acquisitions in Singapore: Law and Practice (Second Edition) sets out the law and discusses the nuances, issues and controversies that have dominated the field of mergers and acquisitions (M&A). It aims to address the needs of both the professional and academic communities. This book is intended to operate as an aid to practitioners who are involved in the structuring and implementation of M&A transactions. In addition, it is also aimed at litigation professionals whose services are drawn upon when an M&A deal is one that requires an ex ante sanction of a court of law or one that presents itself before a court due to disputes that require resolution. Apart from discussing the law and its implications on transactions, the authors have made a conscious effort to distill the background and rationale to specific rules and principles and their evolution, which will be of benefit to students and professionals seeking an initiation into the field of M&A. This Second Edition covers:

changes to the Singapore Code on Takeovers and mergers since the First Edition (including provisions on dual class shares and competing offers)

recent key M&A transactions in Singapore since the first edition

impact of the changes pursuant to the Companies (Amendment) Acts 2014, 2017 and 2018

impact of the changes to the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Act 2017.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853046>

Annotated Guide to the Singapore Insolvency Legislation: Corporate Insolvency / Harold Foo & Beverly Wee

Law Practice Series

Singapore: Academy Publishing, Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), 2023

824p.

Includes Index

9789811863059

\$ 145.00 / PB

1420gm.

Singapore's insolvency and debt restructuring framework has undergone tremendous change in the last decade. From the incorporation of elements of the US Chapter 11 bankruptcy regime and adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, to the restriction of the application of ipso facto clauses, these reforms ensure that the regime continues to remain responsive to the needs of debtors, creditors and the economy.

With the coming into force of the Insolvency Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 in July 2020, the Act consolidates the personal and corporate insolvency provisions, previously

found in two separate statutes, into a single piece of legislation. This also represents the culmination of various phases of legislative reform – building on earlier amendments to the now repealed Bankruptcy Act and Companies Act.

As Singapore’s principal insolvency legislation and one of the largest standalone bills introduced in Parliament, Annotated Guide to the Singapore Insolvency Legislation – Corporate Insolvency provides detailed commentary of various provisions in the Act in a simple and clear manner. This includes references to case law, comparable legislation and law reform recommendations.

Authored by the persons who worked on the Act, this offers an authoritative and comprehensive account not only for insolvency professionals, but also anyone seeking a starting point to better understand the Act.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850053>

Singapore Rules of Court: A Practice Guide / (Eds) Chua Lee Ming & Paul Quan
Law Practice Series

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2023
cx, 938p.

Includes Index
9789811862564
\$ 225.00 / PB
1618gm.

A publication by Academy Publishing in collaboration with the Singapore Judicial College, Singapore Rules of Court: A Practice Guide offers incisive commentaries on the Rules of Court 2021 written by a select group of contributing authors. The commentaries offer valuable insight into and understanding of the thinking behind these rules, as most of the authors did work involving this revolutionary set of civil procedure rules before it came into effect on 1 April 2022. The editors, Justice Chua Lee Ming and Judge Paul Quan, provided guidance, lending their first-hand knowledge of and experience with the new rules in the Civil Justice Commission and subsequently in the Rules of Court Implementation Team. True to its form, Singapore Rules of Court: A Practice Guide features a quick reference format that, together with the succinct commentaries, makes it a handy court companion for the bench and practitioners. The legislation reproduced in this edition is up to date as of 29 November 2022.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850656>

Corporate Governance: Practice and Issues / Kala Anandarajah
Second Edition

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2023
lxxvi, 704p.

Includes Index
9789811863035
Law Practice Series
\$ 120.00 / PB
1194gm.

The second edition of Corporate Governance – Practice and Issues is a book on corporate governance written in a practical manner and intended to provide guidance to directors, executives, managers, company secretaries, professional advisers, including lawyers and auditors. It draws on the three decades of experience of the author in the field of corporate governance, stressing the single most important element of integrity, the courage to act on that integrity and basically to do the right thing in the right way at all times. This edition

updates the law over the last ten years, and discusses the evolution in corporate governance and whether there has been an improvement.

Taking an out-of-the-box approach, the book (a) looks at the history and evolution of corporate governance over the last three decades; (b) discusses environmental social governance; (c) studies the division of power in the company, looking specifically at whether it is the shareholders, the management or the Board, whether as a whole or through individual directors, who wield power; (d) discusses the traditional concerns about director roles, duties, responsibilities and ensuing liabilities, and the importance of transparency achieved through disclosure and more; (e) reviews the board committees, the need for them, the roles they play and their effectiveness; (f) studies key issues relating to remuneration, the entitlement issues, and how it is to be set; (g) reviews internal control and risk management issues and how these should be handled; and more.

Also included are practical discussion points, and a dedicated chapter focusing on nominee directors and the issues that plague them. Another unique aspect of the book is a chapter dealing with governance concerns of the boards or councils of statutory bodies, which are typically regulated by Acts of Parliament.

The recurrent theme in the book is that corporate governance is not just about structures and processes, but about having the right people do the right thing through the right means all of the time; that is, the structures and processes may be the building blocks of corporate governance, but it is the collection of individuals who provide the foundation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850659>

Foundations of Criminal Law in Singapore / Benny Tan

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2022

lii, 292p.

Includes Index

9789811850257

Law Practice Series

\$ 165.00 / PB

528gm.

This book is written with three principal goals in mind. Firstly, it aims to distil and offer an authoritative synthesis of the key principles of criminal law in Singapore. Secondly, it seeks to identify issues (and nuances) in criminal law in Singapore for which the relevant principles are not so certain or which have yet to be clearly resolved, and for a number of such issues, to suggest the most appropriate way forward. Thirdly, it points out areas of criminal law in Singapore which are inextricably linked to other areas of criminal justice such as criminal procedure, assessment of evidence and sentencing law, so that the appropriate connections can be drawn.

Foundations of Criminal Law in Singapore focuses on the fundamental issues and topics of criminal law which are generally applicable across different offences. It covers topics such as the essential principles of statutory interpretation in Singapore, jurisdiction, physical and fault elements of a crime, concurrence, strict liability, the more commonly pleaded general and special defences, liability for attempts, abetment, criminal conspiracy, and common intention. Overall, the book strives to strike a good balance between being practice-oriented and offering intellectual and academic stimulation. It is written in a simple and reader-friendly manner.

It is therefore envisaged that this book will be an essential resource to anyone:

(a) looking for a quick, practical and accessible guide to understand key principles of criminal law in Singapore,

(b) wishing to gain a strong foundation in such principles, or

(c) who has to grapple with certain issues and nuances in criminal law in Singapore which are yet clearly settled and require ideas and inspiration on how best to resolve them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850660>

Muslim Family Law in Singapore / Ahmad Nizam Abbas, Istyana Putri Ibrahim & Maryam Hasanah Rozlan

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2022

liv, 546p.

Includes Index

9789811848209

Monograph Series

\$ 110.00 / PB

912gm.

Muslim Family Law in Singapore is the first dedicated textbook on the applicability and practice of Muslim family law in Singapore. It is an essential resource for students and practitioners looking to understand and appreciate the practice, development and underlying legal principles of Muslim family law as it is applied in Singapore. This book is an up to date practitioner's handbook which combines a careful survey of topics, comprehensive analyses of reported cases and developments in the field, and insights and critical commentary of various issues.

This book has been designed to guide the reader towards a better understanding of Muslim law as a unique feature in Singapore – it takes a practical approach by offering useful instruction and by providing an effective framework for understanding Muslim family law in Singapore, for both students and practitioners, whether they are new to the field or looking to deepen their expertise.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850662>

The Law and Theory of International Commercial Arbitration in Singapore / Darius Chan, Paul Tan & Nicholas Poon

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2022

lxvi, 462p.

Includes Index

9789811837609

Monograph Series

\$ 110.00 / PB

800gm.

This book marks the coming of age of international commercial arbitration in Singapore and is the first treatise of its kind on the subject.

Within a relatively short span of time, Singapore has cemented its position as a popular and leading arbitration jurisdiction.

Singapore arbitration law has also grown apace, in tandem with international jurisprudence in many respects but has also forged its own path in uncharted territory.

This book provides not just an overview of, but also in-depth practical and theoretical coverage of the entire range of topics on the subject.

Whilst a core function of this book is to introduce current legal principles of international commercial arbitration under Singapore law, readers can expect intensive analyses of these principles.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850664>

Company Law in Singapore / Chandra Gopalan

6th Edition

Singapore: McGraw-Hill Education (Asia), 2022

viii, 262p.

9789813311534
\$ 50.00 / PB
428gm.

This book provides readers with a basic knowledge of Singapore Company Law from incorporation of a company to its dissolution, including the role of directors and the company secretary, the rights of members, and all relevant statutory provisions governing companies in Singapore. Significant cases decided by the Singapore courts and other applicable jurisdictions have been included to support the statutory provisions. This edition covers the latest amendments to Singapore Company Law as at time of publication. Most importantly, it includes the changes effected by the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (IRDA), which came into force in July 2020. As a result, the provisions relating to corporate rescue schemes, judicial management, receivership, and winding up have been repealed from the Companies Act 1967 and replaced by the IRDA 2018. Similar to past editions, this book presents the law in simple English, avoiding legal jargon as far as possible, to enable both the student and the businessperson to comprehend easily the law relating to companies in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850993>

Commercial Conflict of Laws / Yeo Tiong Min
Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2023
lii, 528p.

Includes Index
9789811864803
Law Practice Series
\$ 120.00 / PB
888gm.

Understanding of the principles of conflict of laws is essential to lawyers who aim to service the highly globalised and interconnected economy of Singapore. This book deals with the central principles, methodologies, and controversies in the subject, with a focus on topics that are relevant to commercial transactions. It examines the jurisdiction of the Singapore courts (including the Singapore International Commercial Court) in cross-border litigation, the effect of foreign judgments in Singapore, choice of law methodologies and their particular application to contractual and non-contractual obligations and inter vivos property transactions. The common law principles are discussed in the context of the framework of Singapore legislation, including the Choice of Court Agreements Act 2016 (implementing the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements), the refreshed Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act 1959, as well as the new Rules of Court 2021.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853047>

Literature

Lilla Torg: A Scandinavian Journey: Poems / Heng Siok Tian (et al.)
Singapore: Dakota Books, 2023
88p.
9789811844126
\$ 24.00 / PB
192gm.

In 2007, Singapore poets Heng Siok Tian, Toh Hsien Min, Yeow Kai Chai and Yong Shu Hoong took a road trip from Copenhagen to Stockholm, stopping to read at literary events.

Out of this two-week wander was born this exquisite-corpse project, where one poet's ending line became another's opening line, ensuring structure and continuity to hold in place the distinctiveness of each of the four poets' styles.

Named after the cobblestone square built in central Malmö in 1592, Lilla Torg (or "Little Square" in Swedish) is finally published in the original sequence in which the poems are to be savoured – a unique collaborative collection shaped by the force of engagement between the poets and the external, Nordic influences.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=849652>

The Dream Shoes / Samsudin Said
Bangi, Selangor: Nusa Centre, 2023
xviii, 98p.
9789672428718
\$ 22.00 / PB
152gm.

As the winner of many prestigious awards in poetry, The Dream Shoes by Samsudin Said is a must-read to enjoy the work of a winner – Datuk Ramli Sarip, Singer

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850622>
