



# ULC in Singapore and Hong Kong



## February 2006 Schedule

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

- Travel to Singapore
- ULC Welcome Dinner at Club Chinois – Hosted by The Library Corporation
  - Presentation on technology innovations by Beh Chew Leng, National Library Board and Trish Culkin, TLC

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

- Bus Tour, depart hotel for tour of Woodlands Regional Library

*Occupying four floors and part of a basement over a floor space of 119,000 SF in the Woodlands Civic Centre, it is a one-stop information and reference centre for the northern sector of Singapore.*

- Briefing on Public Library Services in Singapore. Discussion and Q&A.
- Visit to Community Children's Library

*Most of the Children's libraries are less than 2,000 SF and are located on the ground floor of apartment buildings. They serve children under the age of 10.*

- Visit to Sengkang Community Library

*The library is Singapore's – and probably the world's – first DIY (Do-It-Yourself) library where more self-service equipment was introduced to help library users. The tenth shopping mall library under the National Library Board's network, Sengkang Community Library has a floor space of 19,450 SF.*

- Visit to library@orchard

*library@orchard is a major milestone in NLB's history as it is the first lifestyle library designed especially to appeal to young Singaporeans aged 18 to 35 years. The library's unique location at the heart of Singapore's bustling Orchard Road shopping belt is intended to attract the youth segment of the population. Orchard Road is a place where youths most frequently meet, and by bringing the library to them, NLB is bringing the pleasure of reading and learning closer to our young people.*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>

- Depart hotel for Tour of Library Supply Centre

*Located in an industrial park, this facility not only houses the Technical Services functions for NLB but also a large warehouse of lesser used materials.*

- Buffet Lunch at the National Library - Hosted by the Singapore National Library Board



## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> (CONTINUED)

- Tour and briefing of the National Library

*National Library - The National Library Building at Victoria Street is a 16-story, 630,000 SF, state-of-the-art library with a 3-level basement situated in the heart of Singapore's Arts, Culture, Learning and Entertainment hub. The building consists of two blocks which house the library collections and provide space for other public activities, including a 615-seat theater.*

- Information Exchange Session at National Library
  - Trends & Innovations in Library Buildings
    - Singapore Perspective by Sandamurthi Rethinam, Senior Project Manager, Properties & Facilities Management
    - U.S. Perspective by Fontayne Holmes, Director Los Angeles Public Library
  - Trends & Innovations in Library Technology
    - Singapore Perspective by Lau Kai Cheong, Director, InfoComm
    - U.S. Perspective by Diane Mayo, Information Partners and Anne Candreva, Director for Information Technology, Brooklyn Public Library
- Ask the Directors
  - Panel of visiting ULC directors and managers from NLB – Moderated by June Garcia

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

- Tour of Media Development Authority and discussion with staff

*The MDA was formed by the merger of the Singapore Broadcasting Authority, the Films and Publications Department, and the Singapore Film Commission (SFC), on 1 Jan 2003. The setting up of MDA is in response to the convergence of different media that requires a consistent approach in developing and managing the different forms of media.*

- Farewell luncheon

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

- Travel to Hong Kong
- Welcome Dinner in Hong Kong with officials from Hong Kong Public Libraries and other Hong Kong government officials.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

- Tour of the Hong Kong Central Library

*The 12-story high building occupies a gross area of 9,400 square meters and a floor area of 33,800 square meters. The construction cost is HK\$690 million. It is the biggest library facility among the Hong Kong Public Libraries System. The arch-shaped entrance at the front elevation of the Hong Kong Central Library represents the Gate to Knowledge.*

- Luncheon at the Rosedale Hotel - Hosted by the Hong Kong Home Affairs Bureau
- Tour to libraries in the New Territories

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

- Self-Guided Hong Kong Branch Tours

