

2010 LAS LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION AWARD

PATRICIA LIM PUI HUEN

Datin Patricia Lim Pui Huen is a library leader and scholar who identified the needs, fought the battles, chronicled the developments and led the effort to create many essential practices and institutions underlying the success of Singapore's libraries today.

Through her keen intellect, articulate questioning, brilliant insights, collaborative efforts, and prolific writing she built a career in prominent public, academic, and special libraries in Singapore and Malaysia, including nearly 20 years as the founding Librarian of the world class Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Library and over a decade as an ISEAS Research Fellow.

Pat was a leader and active participant in the Library Association of Singapore serving as President, Vice President, Council Member, and Editor of the Singapore Library Journal. However, her most enduring contributions came through nearly 30 years as Chair of key committees in LAS which oversaw complex and controversial efforts to establish Asian language classification standards, to develop collaborative microforming guidelines, to create the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL), and through TALIA, to prepare the paper ultimately leading to the establishment of Singapore's own library school.

In gratitude for decades of outstanding service to Singapore's library community, we honour Datin Patricia Lim Pui Huen, with the 2010 LAS Lifetime Contribution Award.