

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang and the 1911 Chinese Revolution

Organised by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the Chinese Heritage Centre and the National University of Singapore

25-26 October 2010, Singapore

In view of the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution in China, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the Chinese Heritage Centre and the National University of Singapore plan to co-organise a two-day bilingual (Chinese and English) conference on Sun Yat-sen and the Nanyang.

The 1911 Revolution, known in Chinese as Xinhai Geming or the Xinhai Revolution, was a watershed event in the history of modern China. It began with the Wuchang Uprising on October 10, 1911 and concluded with the collapse of dynastic rule in China that stretched back more than 2,000 years. It led, in fact, to the establishment of the Republic of China, Asia's first republic.

The 1911 Revolution was led by Sun Yat-sen and the Zhongguo Tongmenghui, which was first established in Tokyo in 1905 and followed by the formation of a branch in Singapore and then other branches in Southeast Asia. Sun Yat-sen travelled around the Southeast Asian region tirelessly, drumming up support for the nationalist movement in China. Indeed, the Zhongguo Tongmenghui movement received massive support from "overseas Chinese" communities, especially the Nanyang communities. The latter contributed morally and financially to the 1911 Revolution and, in that way, played an instrumental role in the establishment of modern China.

Extensive research has been conducted and voluminous literature produced in the past few decades on many aspects of Sun Yat-sen and the 1911 Revolution. However, they have tended to focus on developments and events in China. This conference hopes to contribute to the scholarship on Sun Yat-sen by focusing on Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang and the 1911 Revolution in China.

Scholars and researchers are invited to submit paper proposals on one of the following themes:

- Sun Yat-sen, Japan and Nanyang;
- Sun Yat-sen in the Straits Settlements;
- Colonial Archives on Sun Yat-sen and the Chinese Overseas;
- Reformist and Revolutionist Chinese movements in Nanyang;
- The Xinhai Revolution and Southeast Asian Nationalism;
- Sun Yat-sen's Relations with the Chinese Dialect Groups;
- Sun Yat-sen and Prominent Nanyang Chinese;
- Nanyang and Financing Chinese Revolutions;
- Sun Yat-sen and the Emergence of Modern Nanyang Education;
- Sun Yat-sen and the Emergence of Chinese Modernity; and
- Revisiting the Study of Sun Yat-sen in Nanyang

Proposals on other themes related to the conference are also invited.

Paper proposals, in either English or Chinese, should be received by 15 March 2010 and successful applicants will be informed of their acceptance by 15 April 2010. Proposals should include a working title, a 300-word abstract, and a short biography of the applicant. Those whose proposals are selected should submit a full paper by 15 September 2010.

Selected papers from conference will be published in two books, one English and the other Chinese, which will be launched officially on 10 October 2011 in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution.

The organizers are pleased to be able to provide all participants with local accommodation for three days. Requests for financial support for an economy-class return airfare, especially from Asian countries, will be considered.

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