

**Index to the  
Social Involvement Record Group  
of  
The Tan Chin Tuan Private Papers**

**Social Involvement** - "Social Involvement" comprises materials on the philanthropic acts of Tan Chin Tuan in the period of 1950s to 1990s.

Significant folios include:

- TCT\_55, TCT\_61, TCT\_64 to TCT\_66 document his donations to different schools and institutions in Singapore;
- TCT\_624 to TCT\_625 contain materials on donation to the Needham Research Institute; and
- TCT\_644 contain Tan's interest to donate towards the school milk scheme for needy children in 1984 through the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation.

<b>Folio No</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Content Description</b>	<b>Period</b>
TCT.038	Correspondences - University of Malaya	Correspondences and documents relating to Tan Chin Tuan's involvement in the University of Malaya/Singapore, where he served in the University Court.  Includes speeches given in the University, newspaper cuttings regarding the University, notices and minutes of University Court meetings, documents relating to the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, requests for donations (Thai Study Sub-Committee, University of Singapore Students' Union), and invitations to participate in forum and openings.	1956-1967

Folio No	Title	Content Description	Period
TCT.039	Correspondences - Singapore Badminton Hall	<p>Correspondences and documents relating to Tan Chin Tuan's involvement in the Singapore Badminton Association, where he served as Patron.</p> <p>Includes documents and correspondences that details the disagreement between the Singapore Badminton Association and Lim Chuan Geok (honorary manager of the Badminton Hall Fund Committee), which resulted in incurred debts and a potential lawsuit. Wee Kim Wee (President of the Singapore Badminton Association) wrote to Tan Chin Tuan mostly for advice.</p> <p>Miscellaneous correspondences and documents includes reports on the Badminton Association's performance, operations, financial statements, confirmation of Tan Chin Tuan as Patron, and requests for scholarship grants.</p>	1955-1966
TCT.047	Personal Correspondences - Rev R L Peach	<p>Correspondences by Tan Chin Tuan (as alumnus of the Anglo-Chinese School) with or in relation to Rev. R.L. Peach (ex-principal of the ACS), pertaining to speech drafts, personal correspondences (including condolences, health issues), Peach's 1963-4 trip to Malaya and Singapore, and a letter informing Tan of Peach's death</p>	1958-1967

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TCT.055	Personal Correspondence	<p>General correspondences by Tan Chin Tuan, mostly in a personal capacity, pertaining to personal correspondences (condolences, congratulations, introductions), personal appointments, thanks for gifts received and sent (Christmas gifts, shares, canned pineapples), personal assistance (loans of money), donations (Family Planning Association, Haig Girls' School, Singapore Amateur Athletic Association, Chartered Bank Sports Club, Red Cross, YMCA, Singapore Tiger Standard Christmas Toy Fund, Singapore Leprosy Relief Association), club matters (Singapore Badminton Association), receipts of purchases (ring, subscriptions, wristwatch, camera, gifts), length correspondences over the purchase of a car and related documents.</p> <p>Includes documents and correspondences relating to a family trip to USA, correspondences related to leasing 8 Amber Mansions to Khoo Teck Puat, and correspondences related to daughter Tan Kheng Choo arriving in University of Cambridge to study.</p>	1955

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TCT.061	Personal Correspondence	<p>General correspondences and related newspaper cuttings and documents by Tan Chin Tuan in the capacity of Managing Director of OCBC, pertaining to personal correspondences (congratulations, seasonal greetings, condolences, topic of naturalisation as British Subject) and introductions, personal appointments (visit by the Duchess of Kent, private and work meals), thanks for gifts sent and received (money sent via Tan Keng Choo and Tan Keng Lian, vase, fruits, cigars and cigar punch, tinned curry, flowers, chopsticks, publications, diaries, Dramamine tablets, whiskey, keropok, glass tumblers), donations (Red Cross, Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road), YMCA, YWCA, St. Andrew's Mission and Orthopaedic Hospitals, British Empire Cancer Campaign, Sir Franklin Gimson's Portrait Fund, Singapore Association for the Blind) and patronage (Honorary Chairman of Red Cross Charity Shows Committee, Netaji Memorial Library concert, University of Malaya Ball, opening of 4th Open Exhibition of Photography of Singapore Art Society), car purchase, orchid cultivation, sales letters (Cartier, shirtmakers), miscellaneous club matters (Garden Club, Turf Club), and subscriptions (Life magazine, Reader's Digest)</p>	1952-1953

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TCT.064	Personal Correspondence	<p>General correspondences and related newspaper cuttings and documents by Tan Chin Tuan in the capacity of Managing Director of OCBC, pertaining to personal correspondences (congratulations, seasonal greetings, condolences) and introductions, personal appointments (private and work meals), thanks for gifts sent and received (tea, foodstuff, music box, Cathay cinema pass, publications, cigars, necktie, photographs, wedding presents), donations (Changi Public School, Missions to Seamen Trafalgar Home Buddhist Temple Building Fund, Singapore Youth Sports Centre, St. John's Ambulance Association and Brigade, Anglo-Chinese School Building Fund, Red Cross, YMCA, Shaw Organisation Christmas Charity), horseracing, car purchase and motoring issues, miscellaneous club matters (Singapore Chinese Swimming Club, Turf Club), subscriptions (The Economist, Life, Straits Times), speech for Anglo-Chinese School's anniversary, and regarding the purchase of hearing aids.</p> <p>Includes a photo and brief biography of Tan Chin Tuan (in Chinese and translated to English).</p>	1955-1956

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TCT.066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assorted Subjects</li> <li>- NUS Endowment Fund</li> <li>- Loh Man Chee - Food Processing 1987</li> <li>- Simbl/Schroders (Mr George W Mallinckrodt)</li> <li>- Kwek Hong Png - CBT 1989 to 1991</li> <li>- NUS - Chancellors &amp; Hon. Graduates</li> <li>- Mr N D Davidson - 1989 to 1992</li> <li>- Eastern Hotel (Cameron Highlands) Bhd - Liquidation</li> <li>- The Tan Chin Tuan Auditorium 1993-1994</li> <li>- Scholarship for Teachers &amp; Pelangi Home</li> <li>- Personal correspondence From Jan 1967 to June 1984</li> <li>- Allan Ng - Insider Trading</li> </ul>	<p>General correspondences, memos and draft documents by Tan Chin Tuan as the Managing Director of OCBC, Chairman of Tan Chin Tuan Foundation and in his private capacity, pertaining to business associates seeking his interest to invest in their ventures and projects; his alma mater Anglo Chinese School, universities and nursing homes seeking sponsorship for scholarships and building funds; and matters involving OCBC's interests.</p>	1961-1994
TCT.525	Banishment Ordinance	<p>This folio contains a series of correspondences from Tan Chin Tuan to Sir Franklin Gimson on retracting the order of banishment issued against Tng Poh Lye. This appeal was not accepted but Tan tried to explain that an extension "was necessary and reasonable" for Tng to settle the affairs of her deceased husband's estate and make provisions for her three infant children in Singapore. This folio also includes another letter of petition addressed to Tan from Siah Swee Eng, seeking his help for legal assistance.</p>	1948-1953
TCT.623	Education - Extracts from ACS Old Boys Association	<p>This folio contains Constitution of the ACS Old Boys Association, transcript of interview with Tan Chin Tuan, handwritten minutes of meeting at the Old Boys Association Committee Meeting (1939) on circular to members, subscription fees, activities, launch of ACS magazine &amp; etc, names of attendees for meetings as well as matters related to the organisation of reunion dinner.</p>	1939-1985

Folio No	Title	Content Description	Period
TCT.624	Education - Needham Research Institute - East Asia History of Science Library - Dup File	This folio contains correspondences from Joseph Needham to Tan Chin Tuan to appeal for donation for the East Asia History of Science Library, newspaper cuttings on the setting up of Library and its contributions to research on Science and Civilisation in China in Cambridge, plans and elevation drawings of library, thank you letters, invitation to foundation stone laying ceremony, cash flow arrangement for project as well as progress updates on the construction of library by Trevor Gardner.	1983-1985
TCT.625	Education - Needham Research Institute - East Asia History of Science Library	This folio contains an introduction to the East Asian History of Science Trust and Needham Research Institute which provided its origin, description of building, staff structure of institute and name of scholars who had recently consulted resources at the library.	1983
TCT.626	Education - ACS Building Fund, 1990 - 93	This folio contains a series of thank you letters to Tan Chin Tuan on his donation towards building the ACS school auditorium, invitation to do site visits, tabulation of Tan Chin Tuan Foundation's donation over the period of 1985 to 1992, tax liability, and correspondences to seek permission from Tan Chin Tuan to produce photo-portrait of him, to be displayed in ACS auditorium.	1990-1993
TCT.627	Education - ACS / OBA	This folio contains two documents: the first is interview questions for ACS Centennial Book and the second is a short bio-data of Tan Chin Tuan.	Undated
TCT.644	Tan Sai Siong's File - Correspondence from Tan Sai Siong to TCT	This folio contains newspaper cuttings on school milk scheme for needy students in Singapore (1984) and Tan's interest to make for donation towards the scheme either through Turf Club or the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation.	1978-1983