Two significant events took place recently which served as landmarks in the history of NTU Library. The first event was the *launch of iGEMS*, our personalised university portal for the campus community, associates and partners. The second event was the *launch of the Lee Wee Nam Library* (formerly known as Library 1), our state-of-the-art reference and research library.

iGEMS, which evolved from our small-scale digital library portal GEMS, is a powerful enabler in empowering our staff and students with anywhere, anytime access to a whole gamut of resources and services - from digital library, learning, curriculum management and administration transactions to news feeds, personal communications, collaboration, counseling and community building.

Within the digital library resources on iGEMS, our staff and students are now able to access transparently our online learning resources which include some 60 e-book titles, thousands of electronic journals from established publishers like Springer, Elsevier, Academic Press, and Swets Blackwell, and access to more than 100 databases. In addition, there is a growing unique collection of NTU publications in the form of applied research projects, examination papers, final year project reports, theses, NTU President’s speeches, conference articles, technical papers, handbook, directory, and annual report, as well as reserve book lists and lecture/tutorial notes.

To enhance access to our e-resources, an IT infrastructure upgrade was completed recently with the installation of over 500 workstations in the Library and the provision of wireless access capabilities in NTU. With wired network points already available everywhere on campus, our staff and students are now provided with state-of-the-art computing infrastructure to support their academic and administrative needs.

Libraries and librarians now play a greater role in the provision of information and information services. The launch of the Lee Wee Nam Library is significant as it signals the beginning of this new enlarged role. No effort has been spared to provide our staff and students with excellent reference and information services from our librarians. No effort has also been spared to ensure that access to our library resources is enhanced with the development of a truly personalised university portal, iGEMS.

A special issue of the NTU Library Bulletin has been published to commemorate the launch of iGEMS. This commemorative issue 2001 is available online at: [http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/pub/ci2001.pdf](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/pub/ci2001.pdf)
The Workshop was organized by the Library of Kolej Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia (KUSTEM), Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. It was held at the Gem Beach Resort, Terengganu, from 28 to 30 August 2001.

The objectives of the workshop were:
- to brainstorm and select workable ideas of creating a futuristic library for KUSTEM
- to identify critical blueprint requirements of a functional futuristic university library
- to discuss and integrate user’s perspective of an academic library.

Some 30 participants were invited and they included university librarians, architects and KUSTEM faculty and administrative staff.

I was invited to speak at the Workshop. My presentation entitled “University library of the future: a case study of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore” was very well received by the participants. In the first part of my presentation, I shared with them some background information on our organizational structure, membership, collections and growth. I also dwelt on our mission and goals, challenges and initiatives, concept and action plan in the wake of the new millennium and NTU Library Vision21. In the second part, I introduced iGEMS, the university portal.

After my presentation, comments received include:
- “NTU Library is my dream library”, by Prof. Faizah Shaharom, Deputy Director, Institute of Oceanography, KUSTEM.
- “The facilities offered at my university library do not match up with the standard of facilities provided by NTU library” by Prof. John Lewis, Prof. of Zoology, School of Biological Sciences, Royal Holloway, University of London.

Both Prof. Faizah and Prof. Lewis were also invited speakers and they made presentations on “User’s perspective on library services for research and teaching”. This was followed by the last presentation entitled “Management and infrastructure of a futuristic library” by Ms Kalsom Bt. Sharif, Deputy Chief Librarian, International Islamic University Malaysia.

Participants were then divided into two groups to identify blueprint requirements for a futuristic library. Group 1 was tasked to look at “Functions and management of a hybrid library and its services and facilities” whereas Group 2 worked on “Requirements and design of a futuristic university library”. Their recommendations were presented in the final session of the Workshop in the presence of Prof. Dato Dr Mohamed Mahyuddin Mohd. Dahan, Rektor KUSTEM. In his closing speech, Prof. Mahyuddin expressed his full support to his Library’s venture into the future.

The Workshop was a success and we look forward to visiting KUSTEM again in a few years’ time to celebrate the opening of their FUTURISTIC LIBRARY.
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Mrs Cheryl Tang joined the Library on 16 Jul 2001 after having recently been conferred with the M.Sc.(Information Studies) from NTU. She is currently with the Cataloguing Department. Her deep interest in cataloguing is founded on the belief that users of the library will greatly benefit when library materials (both print and electronic) are given full and detailed bibliographic description, with as many helpful access points as possible. She can be contacted at 790 4690 or email gckwe@ntu.edu.sg.

New Service
Book Delivery Request (fee based)

Book Delivery Request (BDR) is a service provided by the Circulation Department to deliver NTU Library books to library members via a courier service.

This service is available to all library members - NTU staff, students, and outside members. Users may request for “OnHold” or “Available” library books to be delivered to their residential addresses (as per their library record).

The requested item will be charged to the requester’s library account on the day of receipt of the request. The requested item should be returned personally by the user to the Library or through a courier service (to be arranged by the user).

Charges:
- Delivery cost as charged by courier service (Singapore SpeedPOST).
- Request to change delivery address (other than residential address) is chargeable at $1.03 (incl. GST).
- Administrative charges (waived for the time being).

Payment:
Delivery charges - cash on delivery (COD) to the courier service staff.

For more information, please refer to http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/services/delivery.htm or send enquiry to circulation@ntu.edu.sg.
World Telecommunication Indicators Online

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The database at a glance

Source
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

Data
Time Series

Coverage

Size
80 communications statistics and 200 economies

Update
Every two weeks

Topics
Telephone Networks, Telephone Traffic, Quality of Service, Telex, Telegram, Data, Employment, Demography, Macro-economy, Tariffs, Telecom Finance, Mobile, Broadcasting.

Publications covered

Access
Via iGEMS <http://gemsweb.ntu.edu.sg/> (use IE web browser only).

Concurrent user
10

Save option
Yes, in Excel or ASCII text formats

Print option
Yes

The data are collected from an annual questionnaire sent out by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Additional data are obtained from reports of telecommunication ministries, regulators and operators and from ITU staff reports.

This electronic database uses the World Bank’s Socio-economic Time series Access and Retrieval System (STARS). Users can select and retrieve any combination of countries, indicators and years for rapid display on the screen or extraction to Lotus (which can be read by EXCEL) or ASCII text file formats for further processing by spreadsheet or other packages. A user guide is included with the database, as are the definitions of the time series.

If you have any queries, please call Information Desk (Lee Wee Nam Library) at 790 6312 or email resource1@ntu.edu.sg.

WorldWatch Database Disk

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What is the pesticide intensity in agriculture in the world?
What are the atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide for the years 1900 to 1999?
What is the global number of internet host computers for the period 1981-1999?
What are the major global extinction events?
What is the Gross World Product for the period 1900-1999?
What is the world fossil fuel consumption?
What are the world goods exports figures during the period 1950-1999?
What is the world energy use for the years 1900-1997?
What is the percentage of underweight children and overweight adults?
What are the statistics for world materials production for the period 1963-1995?
What is the number of deaths in armed conflicts during the period 1951-1995?
What are the current and projected burden of chronic and infectious diseases and injuries in selected countries and regions?
What are the statistics for world air travel and airfreight carried for the years 1950-1998?

YES! The answers to these questions and more may be found in the WorldWatch Institute Database Disk.
What is the WorldWatch Institute Database Disk?

This database consists of statistics and graphs collected by WorldWatch staff. Most of the data from other WorldWatch publications such as *Vital Signs* and *State of the World* are also included in the database.

Topics include:

- agricultural production
- atmosphere (which covers air pollution, climate change)
- communications
- ecology & biodiversity
- economics
- energy
- food and consumption
- material use
- security (includes world military expenditures and UN peacekeeping expenditures)
- social and health (includes cigarette consumption, world urban population, world average life expectancy, comparisons of dietary components of traditional, Mediterranean and western diets with WHO recommendations, income distribution, ratio of richest 20 percent of population to poorest 20 percent of population, world population, annual addition and average annual growth rate, highest and lowest prison populations and rates of imprisonment, refugees)
- transportation (includes world automobile production and people per automobile, world bicycle production, world motorbike production, international tourist arrivals and global tourism receipts).

Format

The tables are given in spreadsheets in Excel files, with the first few lines of the file indicating the starting line numbers for other tables on the same worksheet.

An index of all the tables available in the database is also available in a booklet, available upon request, from the Information Desk.

Access

Please enquire at the Information Desk, Lee Wee Nam Library. For more information, please call 790 6312 or email to resource1@ntu.edu.sg.
The new Directory is a standard reference tool for locating scholarly, academic or professional journals and discussion lists on the Internet. It contains over 3,900 entries of peer-reviewed journal titles available electronically and a listing of over 4,600 e-conferences.

It is available both electronically and in print in our Library.

In addition to its updated listings, the online version offers users the ability to browse through individual entries or search for specific items.

Access

The online version is available campus-wide via http://dsej.arl.org.

The print copy is available at Lee Wee Nam Library, Level 4, Reference Collection. Call number: r Z6951.D598.

Contact

If you need more information on this database, please call our Information Desk at 790 6312 or email us at resource1@ntu.edu.sg.
Brief Description of the Database

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Main Menu Options

The following menu of options is available:

1. **View Summary**.
   This provides the Direction of Traffic 1999 Summary (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format).

2. **View the Direction of Traffic 1999 Report**.
   This provides the full text of the 1999 report including the tables and reference section in PDF format.

   This provides the previous edition of the report, published in November 1996, on the theme "Trends in international telecom prices".

4. **Install the "Direction of Traffic Database"**.
   This database contains data in time-series format for the period 1983-1998.

5. **View the STARS Database User Guide**.
   This provides documentation for the STARS programme in English.

6. **View the Country Tables**.
   This provides access to the 151 individual country tables, showing in/out bilateral traffic data for the top 20 destinations 1993-1997 and peak/off-peak tariff data for the same destinations, 1995-1999. These tables are in .rtf (rich text format) which can be easily read in other word processing or data analysis packages.

7. **Other Related Telecom Indicators Reports**.
   This option provides brief data about other related reports and databases available from ITU.

8. **Exit**.
   This option quits the programme.
Direction of Traffic Database

This database contains data on outgoing international traffic in time-series format for the period 1983-1998. The data can be viewed using the World Bank’s STARS (Socio-economic Time-series Access and Retrieval System) programme. The package presents a series of screens.

From the first screen, you can select (using the space bar) one or more traffic origin countries or, using the insert key, a series of pre-defined regions. The next screen (accessed by using the right cursor key) provides a series of destination countries. The third screen allows selection of years.

For instance, if you select Botswana and South Africa on the first two screens and you subsequently select the period 1995-1997 from the third screen, by moving to the fourth screen, you will then be able to view the data, either as outgoing traffic from Botswana to South Africa and from South Africa to Botswana, or as incoming traffic to Botswana from South Africa and to South Africa from Botswana.

The final screen allows you to extract the data, for instance in Lotus 1-2-3™ format. This can then be read in other types of spreadsheet, for instance Microsoft Excel™.

It should be noted that there are many apparent "gaps" in the database. That may be because of a number of reasons:

1. Countries may have no significant traffic to some destinations.
2. Countries may report only traffic to certain major destinations, for instance the top 20.
3. Data may not be available for earlier years or for the latest year.
4. The data may not be reported because there is no consolidation of traffic from many different operators operating in the market, or because the data is regarded as "confidential".

Documentation on the STARS programme is available on the CD-ROM. More information on STARS and on other ITU database products which use the STARS format (notably World Telecommunication Indicators Database) is available from the ITU website at: http://www.itu.int/iti/publications/world/world.htm.

For more information, please visit:
ITU website: http://www.itu.int/iti
TeleGeography website: http://www.telegeography.com

For assistance in using the database, please refer to the Information Desk, Lee Wee Nam Library (tel: 790 6312; email: resource1@ntu.edu.sg).
**Good news for** our researchers who have used the following seven databases from different information sources. They can now do searches across these separate databases via a single user interface called WebSPIRS.

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**1. EconLit (1969 onwards) - by American Economic Association**

A comprehensive indexed bibliography with selected abstracts of the world's economic literature. It includes coverage of over 400 major journals, articles in collective volumes (essays, proceedings), books, book reviews, dissertations, and working papers licensed from the Cambridge University Press Abstracts of Working Papers in Economics.

**2. FLUIDEX (1974 onwards) - by Elsevier Science Ltd**

An international, interdisciplinary database providing comprehensive coverage of the literature of fluid engineering and encompassing relevant information from the fields of process engineering as well as civil engineering.


Provides comprehensive coverage of international research in mathematics and mathematically related research in statistics, computer science, physics, operations research, engineering, biology, and other disciplines. This database contains full bibliographic references, with signed reviews or abstracts of journal articles, books, conference proceedings, and proceedings papers.

**4. PsycINFO (1887 onwards) - by American Psychological Association**

Contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, as well as citations to dissertations, all in the field of psychology and psychological aspects of related disciplines, such as medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business, and law.

**5. Transport (~1921 onwards)**

A bibliographic database of transportation research information. It is produced by the 25-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) together with the United States Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT).

**6. WasteInfo (1970 onwards) - by AEA Technology**

A bibliographic database containing citations drawn from over 900 journals as well as those from technical reports, monographs, conferences, patents, theses, and company brochures. Citations describe documents that cover a wide range of waste industry topics.


Includes abstracts of current and earlier pertinent journal articles, monographs, reports and other publication formats. These documents cover water resources as treated in the life, physical, and social sciences and also the related engineering and legal aspects of the characteristics, supply condition, conservation, control, use or management of water resources.

Further details of each of the above seven databases can be found at our subscribed databases webpage listing at [http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/collections/db/alpha.htm](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/collections/db/alpha.htm). Alternatively, you can also obtain more information by clicking on the icon beside each of the database title once you have accessed WebSPIRS at [http://spweb.silverplatter.com/c656957](http://spweb.silverplatter.com/c656957). Please note that access is via NTU Intranet only.

Useful documentation can be found at [http://www.silverplatter.com/support/docs/web43all.htm](http://www.silverplatter.com/support/docs/web43all.htm) and once you have login to WEBSPIRS, you can also click on "WebSPIRS Tutorial" to view their comprehensive tutorials built with Macromedia Flash.
An overview of the features of WebSPIRS is provided in Figure 1.

Search tips, as shown in Figure 2, are also presented once you have selected the database(s) and clicked on Open Selected Databases.

Finally, from the results list, you can check or mark the relevant citations and then click on Print, Save, or E-mail the selected citations accordingly. Do remember to click "logout" after you have finished using WebSPIRS as there is a limit on the number of concurrent users accessing the databases.

If you have enquiries or require assistance in using WebSPIRS, please contact our Information Desk at 790 6312 or email resource1@ntu.edu.sg.
Emerald is a trading name of MCB UP Ltd. There are 3 product databases in the Emerald website. They are:

- Emerald Fulltext
- Emerald Reviews
- Emerald Abstracts

**Emerald Fulltext**

This database covers more than 100 top management journals. It covers the major management disciplines including strategy, leadership, information management, marketing and human resource management.

Full text articles (in pdf or html formats) are available for articles published from 1994 onwards. For articles published between 1989 and 1993, only abstracts are available.

**Emerald Reviews**

This database was formerly known as Anbar International Management Database. It provides independent reviews from the world’s top 400 management publications, hand-picked by an Accreditation Board of leading management experts. It provides abstracts only.

**Emerald Abstracts**

NTU Library only subscribes to the *International Civil Engineering Abstracts* which provides abstracts from 150 of the world’s leading civil engineering titles, indexed by specialist reviewers.

It is easy to use these databases. You may do a quick or an advanced search. (see figures 1 and 2).

*Figure 1: Quick Search Screen*

*Figure 2: Advanced Search Screen*

In Emerald Fulltext, users may browse journals (by journal title, Library of Congress classification and subject) or articles (by article title, author and keyword). In Emerald Reviews and Abstracts, browsing may be done by author, journal title, article title, keywords and classification.


If you need more information or assistance in using Emerald, please call our Information Desk at 790 6312 or e-mail to [resource1@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:resource1@ntu.edu.sg).
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What is lexis.com?

If you have used LexisNexis Research Manager before, you will probably have an idea of what lexis.com is and what its database offers to subscribers. Lexis.com is the web-based equivalent of LexisNexis Research Manager and it offers a number of different search features via a new interface.

For the uninitiated, LexisNexis is a comprehensive legal database, offering full-text of many of the laws, cases, and law reviews of different countries in the world. It is also good for business and general research, as the database covers many international newspapers and business journals as well as market, industry and company information (including SEC filings). The database has about 31,000 sources, where some 7,000 of which are sources of legal materials.

What is new and different in lexis.com?

Get a Document

There is a "Get a Document" feature in lexis.com which was not available in the Research Manager. By clicking on the "Get a Document" tab, we will be given a form in which we can enter the case names in the appropriate boxes to retrieve the required case.

Find a Source

In LexisNexis Research Manager, we need to specify the source to be used for searching. This may be done only by browsing through the various categories of sources arranged by topic, by library file list or by alphabetical listing. In lexis.com, we will still need to specify a source, but there is also a "Find a Source" option, in addition to the option to browse by topic, where we may enter the name of the source or the library file which we want to search. This can be much faster than browsing through levels of source categories.

Email

The facility to email results is available in lexis.com. There is also a download or print facility.

Customization of Display

Lexis.com is customizable with regards to the number of hits you wish to have displayed on each page.

Segments are available for searching headlines or for searching within a country, industry or company. For lexis.com, we may even specify the percentage of relevancy required. For example, we may do a search on "subject(ecommerce)70%", and the results will list those articles which give more than 70% relevancy on the subject of e-commerce.
Hyperlinks

For legal cases, you may click on the hyperlink for a case that is mentioned within a case to get details of the mentioned case.

More Like This

We may also click on “More Like This” to retrieve articles similar to the article which we are looking at.

Other features of lexis.com

For specification of search terms and phrases:

♣ The truncation symbols available are:

   "*" - to denote any single character
   "!" - to denote any number of characters

♣ These connectors are available:

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♣ The usual date restrictions for searching are also available.

Access

Lexis.com may be accessed from anywhere within the NTU intranet via iGEMS.

Enquiry & Assistance

Feel free to contact our Information Desk at 790 6312 or email us at resource1@ntu.edu.sg.
iGEMS launch

iGEMS, NTU’s i-Gateway to Educational and Media Services, was officially launched on Tuesday 31 July 2001 by the President of NTU, Dr Cham Tao Soon. iGEMS is an internet-based university portal with content rich offerings, accessible anytime, anywhere. iGEMS has an intuitive and dynamic interface whereby users are presented with relevant and updated information in real time, a buffet of services to select from and an option to personalise the look and feel of their portal pages. The homepage or public portal page <http://gemsweb.ntu.edu.sg> is accessible to everyone. It aims to highlight essential information on NTU - the Library, courses available in NTU, events and news around campus, links to schools and department webpages, contacts, and useful links. To be able to access e-services and rich information resources, a user would be required to login to the portal. In commemoration of this launch, NTU Library has published a special issue on iGEMS <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/pub/ci2001.pdf>.

Minister’s visit

Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister for Communications and Information Technology, visited the Library on Thursday 30 August 2001, as part of his visit programme to NTU. While at the Library, he was given a tour of Library 1 and a presentation of e-Library Services via our university portal, iGEMS.

Guest lecture

Mrs Wong-Yip Chin Choo, Deputy Librarian, gave a talk on “Managing Users’ Needs in the Context of a University Library” to a group of MSc (Information Studies) students attending the Academic and Research Libraries class on Wednesday 19 September 2001. In her talk, she provided an overview of NTU Library’s mission and organisation, and an insight into how the Library engages her users, manage her resources and provide virtual access to these resources in meeting users’ expectations of an “anywhere and anytime” delivery to their desktop and mobile devices. She concluded her talk with a discussion on a possible business model that a university library could adopt in their quest to satisfy the information needs of a wider university community.

Original Message

From: Barney Lehrer [mailto:newsletter@fita.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2001 4:25 AM
To: wwwlib@ntu.edu.sg
Subject: Award from the Federation of International Trade Associations

Congratulations!

Your Web site has won FITA’s Really Useful Site Award and has been listed in FITA’s Really Useful Sites for International Trade Professionals (http://fita.org/useful, Archive Issue #8). Please feel free to put the award graphic on your Web site (with a link to http://fita.org or http://fita.org/useful) and in your publications. Let us know if you require a different format for the graphic.

And please encourage your clients to sign up for a free email subscription to FITA’s Really Useful Sites for International Trade Professionals by filling in their email address at http://fita.org/usefullregister.html.

Best regards
The Federation of International Trade Associations
It was an honour for NTU Library to be the host of this Exhibition of Books by Professor Lim Chong Yah as it was the first of its kind ever to be organised by an academic library in Singapore. It was also the first book exhibition ever by a single author in Singapore, a historic event indeed befitting NTU's 20th anniversary celebrations. Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman of the Nanyang Technological University Council, officially opened the exhibition, held from 4-14 July 2001 at Library 1. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of some 50 invited guests, amongst them, Dr Cham Tao Soon, President, NTU.

Some 76 works by Prof Lim was put on display during the exhibition. These included books and articles written by him, news clippings and write-ups on Prof Lim as well as a selection of photographs taken of him with family members and distinguished personalities. In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library published an annotated bibliography of selected books and memoranda by Prof Lim. In addition, an autographing session by Prof Lim was also held during the official opening for two of his books bought at the exhibition: Prof Lim's latest offering, "Southeast Asia: The Long Road Ahead" and another of his works, "Wages and Wages Policies: Tripartism in Singapore", published in 1998.

Prof Lim Chong Yah is Professor of Economics and Director of the School of Accountancy and Business Research (SABRE) Centre, NTU. He is a well-known figure in academic circles, both locally and internationally. His area of specialisation is development economics with particular reference to East Asian economies. In his speech during the opening ceremony, Prof Lim remarked, "I hope that what I have written has contributed usefully to the economic literature of my time. If the books are of some help directly or indirectly to other individuals and institutions in their search for "fair maidens and golden houses", as claimed by the old Chinese proverb, I would regard my contribution as worthwhile. For sure, however, I was a witness of my time. I was grappling with the daunting economic issues and problems confronting us and trying to find satisfactory solutions to them."

To date, Prof Lim has published under his name more than 120 journal articles, monographs, books and book chapters, spanning over a period of four decades.