Publishing to Inspire

At Harvard Singapore Foundation we have published two books. They are <u>The Harvard Experience</u>: <u>Crimson Essays</u> in 2005 and <u>Living The Singapore Dream</u> by alumnus Tan Yong Soon in 2006. The Harvard book was designed to inspire Singaporeans aspire to a Harvard-type experience. The Yong Soon book is to inspire young Singaporeans about aspirations overcoming adversity – focused on pre-university students.

<u>Living The Singapore Dream</u> by alumnus Tan Yong Soon carries a commentary from Professor Warren McFarlan as follows:

The story of the emergence of Singapore is a remarkable 50-year story. This book describes in vivid detail the background and passage of a generation of Singaporeans growing up in post-independent Singapore and the factors which influenced their successful development.

We are pleased to advise that the family of the late Mr. Lien Shih Sheng are amenable to publish the book "The Eternal Sky" under the auspices of Harvard Singapore Foundation to commemorate their late Father's Centenary. This is our first book in Chinese; and it will inspire the young on language, literature and culture on the centennial year of one of our foremost journalist, author and editor.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Mr. Lien Shih Sheng (1907-1973). To commemorate Mr. Lien as a Singaporean author, journalist and a moral teacher of the youths during the colonial days and those years after independence of Singapore. Ms Lien Wen Sze writes:

'On behalf of the Lien family, I would like to thank you and Mr. Koh Boon Hwee to make it possible for us to publish the book "The Eternal Sky" under the auspices of Harvard Singapore Foundation.

This book is the last volume from "Letters from the Beach" written by our late father, Mr. Lien Shih Sheng. Mr. Lien was one of the most influential writers in Singapore during the formative years of our country in the 50's to early 70's. He demonstrated the virtues of diligence, consistency, perseverance, benevolence as a true gentleman. We believe many of our younger readers will benefit from studying his writings.

The book, published by Lingzi Media Pte Ltd, will be launched during the Centennial Symposium to be hosted by the Confucius Institute on 15th September this year. The Lien family covers all the expenses incurred in printing the book.'