国家博物馆之友全套藏书赠新大

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为协助学生吸取课外知识，新加坡管理大学积极扩充校内李嘉诚图书馆藏书。

很多外国大学规定全体学生修读历史和文学，以开启多方面思维，对时事有更全面了解。

将在今年内搬迁的“国家博物馆之友”（Friends of the Museum）把全套图书收藏捐赠毗邻的新加坡管理大学。

“国家博物馆之友”办事处设在亚美尼亚街，明年搬迁到国家文物局。

新大和“国家博物馆之友”主席米雪·里克特日前在李嘉诚图书馆举行的仪式上，把约1万9000本藏书交给新大校长霍华德·亨特。这批书刊以本地和东南亚历史、艺术和宗教书籍和期刊为主。

李嘉诚图书馆管理员露丝·佩吉尔说，目前，馆内藏书多与商科有关，非商科书籍不超过15%。

新大曾向学生进行问卷调查，结果显示四分之三的学生希望有更多种类的阅读刊物。

露丝希望，新添的书籍可进一步丰富学生的学习材料。

她说：“如果我们要发展为环球都市，就应该对其它国家的历史和文化有一定的了解。”

把藏书赠给新大后，“国家博物馆之友”的会员仍可到李嘉诚图书馆借阅书刊。

“国家博物馆之友”是非营利团体，26年前成立，作为国家文物局的支援组织，有超过1400名成员。他们在历史博物馆、亚洲文明博物馆、美术馆和皇后坊的亚洲历史博物馆当导游、讲解员，也经常为展览活动献力。它也计划为国家博物馆筹款。
SMU is expanding the collection in its Li Ka Shing Library to allow students to increase their general knowledge.

Many overseas universities require all its students to read History and Social Sciences to widen their perspectives and have a more holistic understanding of current affairs.

The Friends of the Museum, which will be moving location this year, has donated its entire library collection to SMU.

Currently situated at Armenian Street, the Friends of the Museum office will be relocated to the National Heritage Board next year.

President of Friends of the Museum Ms Michelle Richert officially handed over the collection of about 1,900 books to SMU President Professor Howard Hunter last week. The collection comprises materials on local and Southeast Asian history, cultural and religions.

SMU University Librarian Ms Ruth Pagell said that the library houses mostly business management books and non-business books comprise not more than 15%.

In a survey, three out of four SMU students would like to see a greater diversity of literature in the SMU library.

Ms Pagell hoped that the new additions will enrich the range of reading materials for students. “To progress into a globalised city, we need to have better knowledge of international history and culture,” she said.

Members of the Friends of the Museum will continue to have access to the collection.

Friends of the Museum is a non-profit organization set up 28 years ago and is a volunteer body for the National Heritage Board. It has 1,400 members who do tours at the local museums. They also organize events and exhibitions and intend to raise funds for the museums.