IN HER 21 years on the job, Chinese daily Lianhe Zaobao senior education correspondent Poon Sing Wah, 57, has spoken to her fair share of principals, teachers and students.

Now she has come out with two books in Chinese to let people know more about Singapore education.

She launched her books — Interviews With School Principals In Singapore and Commentaries On Singapore Education — at the Singapore Management University last night.

The first book has 45 interviews with people such as Education Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Singapore Management University president Howard Hunter. They talk about their hopes for the Singapore education landscape.

Her second book, Commentaries, is a collection of her articles on education over the years.

Madam Poon said: "I saw a similar book during a trip to China last year and I thought these books would give people an insight of the education scene here."

She has decided to donate 1,000 copies of her books to public libraries in Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan.

Yesterday, Mr Tharman was the guest of honour at the book launch. Minister of State (Education and Trade & Industry) Chan Soo Sen also attended the event, as did more than 30 school principals.

The books are on sale from today at all major bookshops. Commentaries costs $17 and Interviews $18.

Half the proceeds from the sale will go to school scholarships and bursaries, said Madam Poon.