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WRITING HISTORICAL FICTION: A DIALOGUE WITH SUCHEN CHRISTINE LIM

in conversation with philip holden

Suchen Christine Lim is perhaps Singapore's foremost historical novelist, and has written fiction with a variety of settings from nineteenth century Malaya and the Straits Settlements to contemporary Singapore. In a dialogue with Philip Holden co-sponsored by the Singapore Heritage Society, Suchen will explore a variety of issues related to the presence of history in her literary works. Topics to be discussed include the tension between historical accuracy and the demands of a literary narrative, the intersection between private experience and public history, and the place of women's stories in re-imagining the history of Singapore. There will also be ample time for questions from the audience.

SU-CHEN CHRISTINE LIM was born in Malaysia and came to Singapore at the age of 14. She read Literature at the University of Singapore, graduated with a post-graduate diploma in Applied Linguistics and joined the Ministry of Education as a curriculum specialist.

She published her first novel *Rice Bowl* in 1984, and her second novel *Gift From The Gods* (1990) was nominated for a National Book Development Council award in 1992. That year, Lim won the inaugural Singapore Literature Prize for her third novel *Fistful Of Colours*

(1992). *A Bit Of Earth* (2000) was also nominated for the Singapore Literature Prize in 2004.

Lim retired in August 2003, to devote her time to writing. Her latest books include: *Hua Song: Stories of the Chinese Diaspora* (2005) and *The Lies that Build a Marriage: Stories of the Unsung, Unsaid and Uncelebrated in Singapore* (2007).

DR PHILIP HOLDEN is Associate Professor of English at National University of Singapore and Vice-President of the Singapore Heritage Society.

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date time	Saturday, 6 June 2009 2.30pm
admission	Free and open to the public
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