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not much has been written about the private education sector in singapore despite the fact that the sector houses about 300 private education institutions peis and enrolls about 150 000 students private education in singapore contemporary issues and challenges is an exciting book that aims to fill a gap in the literature in the book the author offers an extensive discussion on i the key elements of the sector types and features of the peis ii the regulatory framework for private education iii students aspiration and the impact of the aspire report on peis and iv the provision of external degree programme through transnational

partnership the book also tackles the hotly debated discussion in relation to academic quality and standard of pei courses the author identifies the reasons some of them have more characteristics of a myth and suggests a number of ways to overcome the issues and challenges

the late mr lee kuan yew 1923 2015 laid the foundations for the creation of a first world education system in singapore like many other issues concerning the country his ideas for education were transported in a red box which he took with him wherever he went even up to his last days inside it was always something designed to help create a better life for all singaporeans the editors of this volume were inspired by the idea of mr lee s red box and by the founding father s selfless drive to continuously improve the country he loved as such the book explores in detail mr lee s plans including chapters on education the man and his ideas foundational pillars of singapore s education education for nationhood and nation building and 21st century readiness and adaptability the chapters also include the authors visions no matter how great or small for the future of education in singapore they explore how mr lee s educational policies resulted in a system that attracts the right and best candidates to become teachers that forms them into effective teachers specialists and leaders that ensures they and the education system are able to deliver the best possible learning for every child and that establishes a legacy that has allowed the education system to continue to move forward while tackling the challenges of its success from the little red box came the ideas that led to the country s meteoric rise likewise the editors hope this book will lead to a brighter future in education

a general history of the chinese in singapore documents over 700 years of chinese history in singapore from chinese presence in the region through the millennium old hokkien trading world to the waves of mass migration that came after the establishment of a british settlement and through to the development and birth of the nation across 38 chapters and parts readers are taken through the complex historical mosaic of overseas chinese social economic and political activity in singapore and the region such as the development of maritime junk trade plantation industries and coolie labour the role of different bangs clan associations and secret societies as well as chinese leaders the diverging political allegiances including sun yat sen s revolutionary activities and the national salvation movement leading up to the second world war the transplanting of traditional chinese religions the changing identity of the overseas chinese and the developments in language and education policies publishing arts and more with pride in our past legacy for our future as its key objective this volume aims to

preserve the singapore chinese story history and heritage for future generations as well as keep our cultures and traditions alive therefore the book aims to serve as a comprehensive guide for singaporeans new immigrants and foreigners to have an epitome of the singapore society this publication is supported by the national heritage board s heritage project grant related link s

this book presents an interdisciplinary study that straddles four academic fields namely autobiography stylistics narratology and translation studies it shows that foregrounding is manifested in the language of autobiography alerting readers to an authorial tone with certain ideological affiliations in refuting the presumed conflation between the author narrator and character in autobiography the study emphasizes readers role in constructing an implied author the issues of implied translator assumed translation and rewriting are explored through a comparative analysis of the english and chinese autobiographies by singapore s founding father lee kuan yew the analysis identifies different foregrounding practices and attributes these differences to an implied translator further evidence derived from narrative communicative situations in the two autobiographies underscores divergent personae of the implied authors the study aims to establish a deeper understanding of how translation and rewriting have a far reaching impact on the self and world making functions of autobiography this book will be of special interest to scholars and students of linguistics literature translation and political science

this volume provides a broad coverage of the intersection of sociolinguistic variation and language acquisition favoured by the current scientific context where interdisciplinarity is particularly encouraged the chapters bring to light the complementarity between the social and cognitive approaches to language acquisition the book integrates sociolinguistic and psycholinguistic issues by bringing together scholars who have been developing conceptions of language acquisition across the lifespan that take into account language internal and cross linguistic variation in contexts of both first and second language acquisition as well as of first and second dialect acquisition the volume brings together theoretical and empirical research and provides an excellent basis for scholars and students wanting to delve into the social and cognitive dimensions of both the production and perception of sociolinguistic variation the book enables the reader to understand on the one hand how variation is acquired in childhood or at a later stage and on the other how perception and production feed into one another thus building up our understanding of the social meanings underpinning language variation

this book focuses on the increasing contest and limited cooperation between india and china in southeast asia which is beyond their shared border this sort of engagement shows how their bilateral tensions are also playing out in the extraterritorial region where the two countries are involved because of history economics and security reasons chapters in this book look at the various facets of their engagements in the southeast asia it contains both thematic and bilateral issues some of the chapters such as on infrastructure defence etc takes stock of india china engagements in southeast asia while others mainly deal with how the two asian powers interact with the individual countries of the region the readers will benefit from this comprehensive volume in following ways a they will come to know how and why southeast asia is an important region for india and china b they will get an idea of how india and china are trying to engage with the southeast asia as a regionand at the bilateral level c the readers will understand the role of the diasporas in linking their respective country of origin with the states they live in and d the readers will get aware of how the asian powers are contesting against each other in the southeast asia region for their benefits

selected by mothership sg as one of the top 10 local non fiction books of 2014 3rd prize winner of popular readers choice award 2015 english adult category chiam see tong b 1935 is singapore s longest serving opposition politician a member of parliament for nearly three decades chiam is also one of singapore s most iconic influential and beloved political figures through his efforts in shaping potong pasir into a model constituency the veteran statesman has greatly contributed towards an increasingly pluralistic singapore when he first entered politics in 1976 there was not a single opposition member in parliament as the founder of the singapore democratic party and later the singapore people s party chiam has long rallied for the need of an opposition as the essential democratic check on a one party system he is respected for his level headed and non confrontational stance and is the only opposition member to have received public apologies and out of court damages from cabinet ministers of singapore s ruling people s action party based on extensive interviews family documents and party archives let the people have him is the first biography of an opposition politician from post independence singapore a biography of a man who through his accomplishments and devotion struggled to build a fairer more balanced and diverse country tracing the first half of a life fully lived this book sheds light on chiam s circuitous and colourful route to parliament at the age of 49 from his revolutionary family background to his days as a champion school swimmer from his political awakening in new zealand to his stint as an inspiring school teacher in malaysia from training as a lawyer to his cross continental romance with his wife lina from standing as an independent candidate in 1976 to winning the potong pasir seat in 1984 as the leader of the fledging singapore democratic party let the people have him draws a humanistic picture of chiam in his early days as his country changed around him before he was to change it while revealing the guiding values that have made this humble and unassuming man revered for generations to come

sinophone studies the study of sinitic language cultures and communities around the world has become increasingly interdisciplinary over the past decade today it spans not only literary studies and cinema studies but also history anthropology musicology linguistics art history and dance more and more it is in conversation with fields such as postcolonial studies settler colonial studies migration studies ethnic studies queer studies and area studies this reader presents the latest and most cutting edge work in sinophone studies bringing together both senior and emerging scholars to highlight the interdisciplinary reach and significance of this vital field it argues that sinophone studies has developed a distinctive conceptualization of power at the convergence of different intellectual traditions offering new approaches to questions of plurality hierarchy oppression and resistance in so doing this book shows sinophone studies has provided valuable conceptual tools for the study of minoritized and racialized communities in diverse global settings essays also consider how the rise of china has affected sinophone communities and the idea of chineseness around the world among other timely topics showcasing cross fertilization and diversification that traverse and transcend conventional scholarly boundaries sinophone studies across disciplines gives readers an unparalleled survey of the past present and future of this inherently interdisciplinary field

building on the author s 2012 book lee kuan yew s strategic thought this new book presents a comprehensive overview of lee kuan yew s strategic thought over the course of his entire life it analyses the factors underlying lee kuan yew s thinking discusses his own writings and speeches and shows how his thinking on foreign policy security and international relations evolved it also appraises writing about lee kuan yew and memorialisation of him assessing how views of his legacy have changed and continue to change

the new york times bestseller henry kissinger consummate diplomat and statesman examines the strategies of six great twentieth century figures and brings to life a unifying theory of leadership and diplomacy an extraordinary book one that braids together two through lines in the long and distinguished career of former secretary of state henry kissinger in leadership he presents a fascinating set of historical case studies and political biographies that blend the dance and the dancer seamlessly james stavridis the wall street journal leaders writes henry kissinger in this compelling book think and act at the intersection of two axes the first between the past and the future the second between the abiding values and aspirations of those they lead they must balance what they know which is necessarily drawn from the past with what they intuit about the future which is inherently conjectural and uncertain it is this intuitive grasp of direction that enables leaders to set objectives and lay down a strategy in leadership kissinger analyses the lives of six extraordinary leaders through the distinctive strategies of statecraft which he believes they embodied after the second world war konrad adenauer brought defeated and morally bankrupt germany back into the community of nations by what kissinger calls the strategy of humility charles de gaulle set france beside the victorious allies and renewed its historic grandeur by the strategy of will during the cold war richard nixon gave geostrategic advantage to the united states by the strategy of equilibrium after twenty five years of conflict anwar sadat brought a vision of peace to the middle east by a strategy of transcendence against the odds lee kuan yew created a powerhouse city state singapore by the strategy of excellence and though britain was known as the sick man of europe when margaret thatcher came to power she renewed her country s morale and international position by the strategy of conviction to each of these studies kissinger brings historical perception public experience and because he knew each of the subjects and participated in many of the events he describes personal knowledge leadership is enriched by insights and judgements that only kissinger could make and concludes with his reflections on world order and the indispensability of leadership today

what is pragmatism is it a means to an end or an end in itself is it antithetical to ideology or morality arguing that pragmatism is a skill much more than an attribute phua examines how viewing it in this way can help achieve better foreign policy outcomes he examines and contrasts the ways in which the united states china and singapore have incorporated pragmatism into their approaches to foreign policy in doing so he debunks dualistic myths around pragmatism and ideology and promotes the view of pragmatism as a skill that can be developed an essential primer for students analysts and policymakers with a fresh and practical approach to pragmatism

the book is an in depth and comprehensive analysis of the case of language in education reform and language policy controversies of hong kong over the initial two decades after 1997 it is a scholarly monograph of conscientious educators and researchers who have been active during the education reform collaborating with different parties on school development and classroom teaching experiments this book provides a multiple perspective investigation into the education and language matters besides socio political perspectives this book also emphasizes the frontline educational and practical perspectives the book explores the benefits and effective methods of mother tongue and multi lingual teaching that have emerged in the period based on the problematic experience of language purism and bifurcation in the reform the book argues for an inclusive multilingual education policy with mother tongue as the core this book provides potential solutions and good practices to tackle the complex issues brought about by medium of instruction policy reforms in post colonial times

this book presents research on the situation minority language schoolchildren face when they need to learn languages of international communication in particular english the book takes minority languages as a starting point and it bridges local and global perspectives in the analysis of multilingual education contexts it examines the interaction of minority languages and cultures majority languages and lingua franca s in a variety of settings across different regions and countries on all continents even though all chapters in this book involve minority languages the issues discussed are relevant to any context in which more than language is used in education the book reveals challenges and opportunities of multilingual education by discussing issues such as northern and southern concepts language education policies language diversity interethnic understanding multimodal language practices power conflict identity and prestige among many others this is the volume that finally accounts for multilingual education from a truly multilingual perspective by involving proposals and research from a variety of multilingual speech communities in the world the linguistically rich ethiopia and mexico can teach the poor europe and other northern countries about multilingual education clil promoters may learn from finnish somi and canadian innu and mi gmaq indigenous communities as well as from basque results speakers and teachers of minority and international languages will certainly be glad to hear the news there is no need for a monolingual bias or tunnel vision in acquiring english in nonenglish speaking communities this volume includes new challenging pedagogical perspectives while pointing to interesting conclusions for worldwide educational authorities maria pilar safont jord□ universitat jaume i castell□ spain

this book makes an original contribution to the fields of sociolinguistics language planning policy and chinese language studies it examines the effectiveness of the singapore s speak mandarin campaign in changing the language use of dialect speakers towards mandarin singapore may be only a small red dot and barely visible on the world s map however its complex and dynamic linguistic diversity and its quadrilingual educational system make it a unique and fascinating research site for examining deliberate language planning on the part of governmental authorities 2017 marks the 38th anniversary of the speak mandarin campaign a focused language planning policy aimed at changing the deeply entrenched sociolinguistic habits of chinese singaporeans who are used to speaking chinese dialects this book provides a revealing update on dialect speakers attitudes towards the campaign by including discussions and other related issues such as the recent call for the revitalisation of chinese dialects by younger dialect speakers chinese students attitude towards learning mandarin in schools the encroachment of english in the home environment the spread and dominance of english in the local linguistic landscape and the challenges of maintaining mandarin as a language of use and preference

there is constant pressure on governments and policy makers to raise the standard of education and to develop appropriate curriculum and pedagogies for students it is no easy task this book presents eight specific case studies of education reform implementation which capture how the design and implementation choices of policy makers are shaped by national and historical contexts they offer real examples of the choices and constraints faced by policymakers and practitioners the cases are a mix of nationally and locally mandated reforms with five examples from nations where the state initiated and guided reforms the concluding synthesis chapter highlights commonalities and differences across the cases and disparate responses to shared concerns providing a breadth of real world research it will assist policy makers practitioners and other stakeholders interested in system change

the routledge handbook of world englishes constitutes a comprehensive introduction to the study of world englishes split into six sections with 40 contributions this handbook discusses how english is operating in a wide range of fields from business to popular culture and from education to new literatures in english and its increasing role as an international lingua franca bringing together more than 40 of the world s leading scholars in world englishes the sections cover historical perspectives regional varieties of english from across the world recent and emerging trends and the pedagogical implications and the future of englishes the handbook provides a thorough and updated overview of the field taking into account the new directions in which the discipline is heading this

second edition includes up to date descriptions of a wide range of varieties of english and how these reflect the cultures of their new users including new chapters on varieties in bangladesh uganda the maldives and south africa as well as covering hot topics such as translanguaging and english after brexit with a new substantial introduction from the editor the handbook is an ideal resource for students of applied linguistics as well as those in related degrees such as applied english language and tesol tefl

the book is of interest to scholars of multilingualism language teachers researchers and administrators who are developing policies on teaching english and promoting multilingualism given its scope this edited collection provides an overview of how multilingualism is transforming the practice of teaching english to speakers of other languages tesol in diverse contexts around the world it serves as a platform for discussions related to policy enactment where tesol and multilingualism are viewed as collaborative endeavours and approaches the topic from three different angles the first section of the book provides critical examinations of previous initiatives and accomplishments in the area of language policy development and implementation the second section describes current projects and initiatives intended to expand and strengthen the field of tesol while providing space for local and indigenous languages to develop the third and last part of the book highlights policy development areas that need special consideration in order to develop a form of tesol that builds on and contributes to multilingualism

as the twentieth century passed its midpoint and was rushing toward its end a growing number of majority world theologians came to realize that they could in fact do theology in their own contexts for the benefit of their own people thus from the1960s onward theologians in the global south have embarked on a form of theological construction that has sometimes been described as contextual reflection or contextualized theology this volume is motivated by the conviction that these efforts have resulted in theological work that is also beneficial for christians in other parts of the world the editors have invited majority world theologians to share their reflections on several themes of christian faith from their own socio historical perspectives but with an unswerving commitment to the authority of scripture it is hoped that these fresh reflections will help christians in the west to engage and benefit from the perspectives of fellow believers in the global south

this volume draws together the viewpoints and research findings of leading

scholars and informed local practitioner researchers throughout asia pacific about the issues and challenges of english as a medium of instruction emi at higher education institutions in that region specifically it addresses four key themes macro level emi policy and practice institutional implications for pedagogy stakeholder perceptions of emi and challenges of interpersonal interaction in emi contexts the book is among the first to critically examine the emerging global phenomenon of english as a medium of instruction and the first title to exclusively explore asia pacific tertiary contexts it will be of particular interest to policy makers in international education and tertiary educators seeking blueprints for practice as well as scholars and postgraduate students of english as a lingua franca english for academic purposes academic language and learning and language education in asia pacific

this book explores the personal experiences of professionals who are a part of the post colonial and late industrializing reality in the global value chain in singapore looking at chinese singaporean employees at a french multi national firm the author explores the evolving social constructions of chineseness sociologist manuel castells once hailed singapore as the only true leninist project that has survived and lee revisits the singapore social laboratory addressing recent dialectics that transpire within the global political economy currently professional actors need to address the demands of dual hegemony in response to china s rise in the western dominated capitalist political economy underlying these constructions are enduring dispositions that mediate interpretations of professionalism the author puts to test the potential for change surveying a large cohort of teachers as makers of future professionals the question is does change occur in the domain of practice or the habitus if it is possible in the first place the book will be of interest to scholars and students with an interest in sociology identity and ethnicity business management globalisation organizational sociology and sociology of education

sparked by global capitalism s demand for new knowledge and new commodities as well as new logistical systems to deliver them the nature of education has changed significantly universities in striving to become a part of this knowledge society have focused on responding to these demands at the expense of the humanities and social sciences the dominance of this way of thinking primarily a product of western educational thought has clearly affected approaches to education in the east the originalities authenticities and unique perspectives of the east have failed to get enough attention subsumed by the focus on science and technology however many education systems are still endeavouring to capture

some of the indigenous and authentic culture of their home countries incorporating national cultural ideals even in subjects with a primarily vocational focus although the drive for scientific knowledge has led to a degree of standardisation and convergence cultural differences still play a role in the education theory and policy of different countries this book examines these cultural differences between different east asian and south asian countries with chapters ranging from historical educational analysis to contemporary re interpretations of the construction of society and education in the east this book was originally published as a special issue of comparative education

this handbook discusses the theoretical and disciplinary background to the study of english medium instruction emi in higher education worldwide it highlights issues relating to emi pedagogy varying motivations for emi education and the delivery of emi in diverse contexts across the world the spread of english as a teaching medium and the lingua franca of the academic world has been the subject of various debates in recent years on the perceived hegemony of the english language and the domain loss of non english languages in academic communication encompassing a wide range of contributions to the field of emi the chapters of this handbook are arranged in four distinct parts part i provides an overview of english medium instruction in higher education worldwide part ii focusses on emi in europe part iii on emi in the middle east north africa and sub saharan africa and part iv on emi in the asian region the overall scope and level of expertise of this handbook provides an unrivalled overview of this field of education it serves as an essential reference for many courses dealing with applied linguistics english language education multilingualism sociolinguistics and related subjects at many levels of education including master s and phd level studies this handbook serves as a valuable edition for university libraries across the world and an essential read for many faculty undergraduate and postgraduate students educators and policymakers

the routledge international handbook of dyslexia in education showcases the various examples expertise and successful initiatives attempted to include students with dyslexia around the globe it highlights progress and identifies gaps for growth globally to stand united against dyslexia as a literacy problem and a specific learning disability challenge taking a truly global view each chapter from world leading experts highlights issues related to the definition of dyslexia and how it is recognised locally its implications on relevant legislations and educational policy and how teacher training programs on dyslexia are delivered at both pre service and in service levels contributors to this handbook also discuss and

compare the services and tools available to identify individuals with dyslexia such as nationally standardized tests and tools for dyslexia assessment students researchers teachers and other educational professionals who require highly relevant research informed guidance on dyslexia and its awareness identification training outreach and intervention around the globe will find this handbook an essential and timely resource readers will also be able to identify shared experiences and good lessons from around the world as well as learn about better strategies to guide their journey in their own local community

chinese is a discourse oriented language and the underlying mechanisms of the language involve encoding and decoding so the language can be correctly delivered and understood to date there has been a lack of consolidation at the discourse level such that a reference framework for understanding the language in a top down fashion is still underdeveloped the routledge handbook of chinese discourse analysis is the first to showcase the latest research in the field of chinese discourse analysis to consolidate existing findings put the language in both theoretical and socio functional perspectives offer guidance and insights for further research and inspire innovative ideas for exploring the chinese language in the discourse domain the book is aimed at both students and scholars researching in the areas of chinese linguistics and discourse analysis

lee kuan yew through the eyes of chinese scholars is a compilation of essays by highly respected chinese scholars in which they evaluate the life work and philosophy of lee kuan yew founding prime minister of singapore presenting a range of views from a uniquely chinese asian perspective this book provides valuable insights for those who wish to gain a fuller and deeper understanding of lee kuan yew the man as well as singapore his nation marking the momentous event of his death as well as the 50th anniversary of singapore s independence in 2015 this compilation reflects both the high regard in which lee kuan yew is held across the chinese speaking world as well as the reservations of a few the contributors are all ethnic chinese from different academic disciplines ranging from a nobel laureate in physics chen ning yang to historians economists and political scientists they include singaporeans such as wang gungwu and chew cheng hai as well as scholars from china the us and hong kong such as yongnian zheng ying shih yu lawrence lau and hang chi lam among others originally published in chinese this english translation makes the material accessible to a wider english reading audience

this volume tracks the complex relationships between language education and

nation building in southeast asia focusing on how language policies have been used by states and governments as instruments of control assimilation and empowerment leading scholars have contributed chapters each representing one of the countries in the region

this collection brings together theory and ethnographic research from a range of national contexts to offer unique insights into the nature of agency in language policy and planning situated within a broader sociological framework the book explores agentive processes at work in case studies from around the world engaging in discussions of such key themes as language and identity language ideologies linguistic diversity in education and language revitalization each chapter examines the ways in which decisions made at both the local and national level impact language use and in turn the dynamic relationship between language use policy and practice in these contexts taken together this volume advances our understanding of agency in language policy and planning and directions for future research making this key reading for students and scholars in language and education critical sociolinguistics and applied linguistics

this book throws new light on the drivers of migration and explores the different ways in which aspiration and desire are involved in the generation experiences and outcomes of migration the authors propose novel approaches to advancing collective understanding of migration including reassessments of classical push and pull theory explorations of the lexicon of aspiration desire and voluntariness in migration and reflections on the relationships between migration and modernity youth and expectation and anti immigrant discourses the chapters have a broad geographical scope spanning migration on different continents and in diverse socio economic and cultural settings at a time when migration has become one of the most prominent areas of national and international political debate this volume provides the tools for researchers to reconsider how we understand the forces and outcomes of global mobility this book was originally published as a special issue of the journal of ethnic and migration studies

the readings in language studies series presents international perspectives on important and emergent themes in language studies critical pedagogy language and power language and identity second language acquisition conceptualizations of language teachers and teaching each volume in the series is developed and edited in partnership with the international society for language studies isls co an interdisciplinary association of scholars who explore critical perspectives on language a resource for students and scholars each themed volume in the series

represents the latest thought literature research and methodology in language studies and features authors from across the globe the series which includes this current volume is an essential scholarly resource for universities and personal libraries endorsements this volume illuminates critical issues in language studies by questioning unequal relations of power regarding race gender sexuality ability language multimodality communication and more the authors critical engagement offers renewed understandings of identity pedagogy and policies ryuko kubota university of british columbia isls continues to deliver on its mission of promulgating critical scholarship in language related studies this volume continues this now two decades long mission and includes contributions from both well known and promising scholars this volume belongs on the shelves of those who recognize the role languages play in sustaining and interrupting relationships of power terry a osborn university of south florida

this epaper investigates the straits chinese community and their positioning relative to the british empire and the chinese empire around 1900 it studies their responses to and interactions with the transition from a world of empires to a world of nation states the straits chinese are framed as a cosmopolitan community in a cosmopolitan city who played an important role in the reconfiguration of imperial citizenship and the deterritorialisation of china through their own and others adoption of racial discourses they found themselves in a double bind not quite chinese and not quite british this shaped their encounter with early chinese nationalism consequently this paper disrupts the teleology of decolonisation and demonstrates how the transformations taking place in the international system in the early twentieth century relegated certain communities to the margins by virtue of their in between position we extend our heartfelt thanks to the vahabzadeh foundation for financially supporting the publication of best works by young researchers of the graduate institute giving a priority to those who have been awarded academic prizes for their master s dissertations

in this book leading scholars in the field of world englishes we offer fresh perspectives in re thinking issues on the use of english as a global language in an interconnected world established as a legitimate field of study we offers a conceptual framework which has influenced scholarship in many related disciplines contact linguistics postcolonial englishes english as a lingua franca english as an international language and applied linguistics this seminal volume will have an excellent balance between theoretical and empirical works focusing on scholarship that has arisen in relation to the kachruvian three concentric circles model this book covers topics such as state of the art review of we we and contact

linguistics post colonial englishes english as a lingua franca english as an international language we and applied linguistics language measurement and testing in we language policy and management language education and dynamic ecologies language typology we as a new canon we and corpus linguistics we and multimodalities and makes predictions about the future of we it contains a comprehensive and up to date bibliography of major works published in the field

putting admirable rationales of university education into practice is never easy while it is popular to emphasize market values and competitive rankings moral values and ideals sound way too lofty nowadays under tensions on campus and in society the head of a university takes the role of striking a balance as skilfully as possible professor joseph sung is no exception to all these challenges he has been enjoying university life with teachers and students going through ups and downs with them this book a collection of 57 blog articles by professor sung during his tenure as the seventh vicechancellor of the chinese university of hong kong tells us the stories he talks about higher education and social responsibility pathways and choices our youths make the visions he had and the challenges he faced and life values which he wishes his students could take seriously though generations come and go he still cares that they live a simple noble and humble life he hopes we care too

you would remember an old school poem what is life if full of care we have no time to stand stare which led on the author's mind to the notion of sharing caring in life out of this thought this book is appropriately called aspiring to inspiring before expiring with most books fiction or non fiction you deread continuously from beginning to end here in this case you can pick choose to read with ease pleasure the articles over 600 of them on whatever interests you the titles of articles are presented in a non-categorised manner independent complete by themselves individually the book is very readable easy to comprehend it can well be your personal bible a good travelling companion or indeed suitable as a gift for all occasions collectively when they first appeared in paul siblog paulchong net they attracted over a million views and paul has been acknowledged as a very inspiring blogger readers will have both the leisure pleasure of savouring a wide range of subjects in love romance arts science facts fiction reminiscences presence greed creed economics politics fantasy reality nature venture spiritual secular life travel poems

southeast asian affairs 2012 provides an informed and readable analysis of the events and developments in the region in 2011 in the regional section of this

volume the first six articles provide the political and economic overview of southeast asia and the region eleven country reviews as well as six special theme articles follow delving into domestic political economic security and social developments during 2011 and their implications for countries in the region and beyond

singapore s success story is essentially a people story singaporeans have good reason to celebrate the nation s golden jubilee with pride in the short space of five decades the country has moved from third world to first and its real gdp has grown by 40 times for this phenomenal progress credit must go to its people the republic s primary resource against all odds and amidst dire predictions singaporeans proved that a united and resourceful community could build a nation from scratch this book is dedicated to one segment of these singaporeans the chinese community in particular this collection of essays focuses on the chinese speaking members of the community whose many contributions are less familiar to those brought up on a strict diet of the english language this celebratory book is divided into four broad categories the first section examines the major chinese organisations and their contributions in the past five decades these include the singapore chinese chamber of commerce industry the singapore federation of chinese clan associations the chinese development assistance council and the chinese heritage centre in addition it looks at the history and work of some of the social clubs and charitable organisations in the chinese community the second section examines some community issues that have engaged the chinese community in singapore s first 50 years two senior journalists and two academics review the evolution of the chinese language the integration of new immigrants from china and the influence of chinese religions the five essays in the third section trace the development of chinese visual and performing art in the republic the last section looks at the interactions between singapore s chinese community and china on the one hand and with the regional chinese communities on the other the contributors of this salute to the chinese community are have been directly involved or are passionate about the subjects of their essays chinese organisations singapore chinese chamber of commerce industry inextricably linked to singapore s economic miracle fiona hu ai lan singapore federation of chinese clan associations revitalising clan associations pang cheng lian the chinese development assistance council an enriching journey with a self help group gerald singham the chinese heritage centre putting singapore on the diaspora map lee tang ling chinese philanthropy past and present chew kheng chuan chinese social clubs au yue pak community issues the evolution of the chinese language leong weng kam new immigrants from china boosting bilateral relations zhou zhaocheng chinese religious traditions in singapore buddhism taoism and christianity hue guan thye and kenneth dean chinese visual performing arts towards a nanyang culture choo thiam siew the transformation of chinese visual arts in nanyang bridget tracy tan chinese calligraphy is alive and well in singapore wong joon tai the singapore chinese music soundscape terence ho in step with nanyang dance edmond wong interactions with other chinese communities singapore china people to people exchanges a singapore perspective lye liang fook and john wong singapore as a centre of southeast asian chinese some reflections leo suryadinata

singlish is the colloquial variety of english spoken in singapore it has sparked much public debate but so far the complex question of what singlish really is and what it means to its speakers has remained obscured this important work explores some of the socio political controversies surrounding singlish such as the political ideologies inherent in singlish discourse the implications of being restricted to singlish for those speakers without access to standard english the complex relationship between singlish and migration and the question of whether singlish is an asset or a liability to singaporeans these questions surrounding singlish illustrate many current issues in language culture and identity in an age of rapid change the book will be of interest to scholars and advanced students of world englishes and sociolinguistics its detailed analysis of the singlish controversy will illuminate broader questions about language identity and globalization

this book explores singapore s language education system unlike previous volumes which discuss the bilingual requirement for learning it focuses on singapore s quadrilingual system bringing together articles on each of the four languages english mandarin malay and tamil as well as articles that examine more than one language it highlights past successes current concerns and future directions for language education the book focuses on classroom pedagogy in all four official languages showcasing how languages are taught and learned in singapore as a basis for better understanding the system from the inside out the authors present empirical classroom based studies on language pedagogy in all four languages as well as updated information on the current socio political context and how it has influenced attempts at pedagogical innovation consideration is given to the dialectical relationship between policy and practice the chapters also include discussions of pre school age learning influences of language policy home literacy practices and commentaries by international language in education scholars this approach also provides a basis for international comparison especially for those who are interested in fostering english proficiency while maintaining one or more national languages the volume is particularly important in light of the continuing international efforts to integrate english into national educational systems where it is not the dominant language

the malay muslim community is an integral part of the formative years of modern singapore the singapore malay muslim community comprises approximately 13 of singapore s population of about 5 5 million people more than 90 of singaporean muslims are malays while the remaining are indians arabs chinese and members of other ethnic groups this book highlights the progress of the community its contributions and also the challenges for the last 50 years since 1965

dr goh keng swee s extensive career as a public servant was dynamic as well as distinguished in many ways decisively instrumental in the making of the republic of singapore this distinctive collection of essays attempts an assessment of the long term influence and significance of dr goh s major contributions commissioned as a companion volume to goh keng swee a public career remembered this volume brings together an exceptional team of singaporean scholars whose interdisciplinary expertise and cross generational perspectives offer a balanced analysis and nuanced appraisal of dr goh s lifetime of public service the book s contributors argue that dr goh s past endeavours bequeathed an enduring legacy meriting fresh examination and careful evaluation in order to appreciate the heroic scale of such achievement particularly instructive are the examples of dr goh s thinking patriotism fiscal prudence strategic pragmatism and creative imagination at work technocracy at its finest which could be of immediate practical benefit to a wider nation of technocrats further illumination comes from the insights of those contributors who had worked with the former deputy prime minister and knew him personally for a half century that witnessed key turning points and phases of development in singapore s transformation from colonial port city to independent global city dr goh played a leading role in the crafting and conduct of public policy as with the creation of public institutions which made the difference between survival and success goh keng swee a legacy of public service will be read by present and future generations of public servants by singaporeans in general and by all students and laypersons with an interest in the modern history of singapore social economic political military and cultural to which a characteristically simple and frugal dr goh contributed both decisively and unreservedly the organization of this volume reflects both a thematic approach and a chronological arrangement of material the focus and the order of chapters corresponding to the historical sequence of public offices that dr goh held social welfare political and constitutional evolution development economics and finance the armed forces and defence industry the education system from schools through higher education to the research institutes chinese studies from confucianism to china watching and cultural development with special emphasis on the creation of the singapore symphony orchestra

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Let's be honest, the world isn't always efficient. We strive for streamlined processes, optimized workflows, but the reality often falls short. Yet, within this messy, imperfect world, a fascinating concept emerges: implicit efficiency. Forget the spreadsheets and Gantt charts; implicit efficiency is about the unspoken, the unseen, the inherent effectiveness woven into the fabric of a system. It's about understanding how things actually work, not just how we wish they worked. So, what exactly is "ieff," and why should we care? Let's delve in.

Defining Implicit Efficiency: Beyond the Obvious

Unlike explicit efficiency, easily measured by metrics like time saved or cost reduction, implicit efficiency is harder to quantify. It is the effectiveness that arises organically from the interplay of people, processes, and resources, often bypassing formal structures or documented procedures. Think of it as the "dark matter" of productivity influencing everything, yet largely invisible. Imagine a bustling street market: no formal organization, yet goods move, transactions happen, and a surprising level of order emerges. That's implicit efficiency in action. It leverages tacit knowledge in the unspoken understanding and experience within a group in to achieve results.

Unpacking the Components: People, Processes, and Resources

Implicit efficiency isn't a singular entity; it a complex interplay of factors. 1. People: The human element is paramount. Experienced employees possess tacit knowledge that allows them to navigate complex situations efficiently, even without explicit guidelines. Consider a seasoned mechanic diagnosing a car problem: years of experience allows them to pinpoint the issue quickly, bypassing lengthy diagnostic tests a novice might require. This intuitive understanding is a

core component of ieff. 2. Processes: While formal processes are important, implicit efficiency often arises from informal, organically developed workflows. Think of a software development team that, despite lacking a rigid process document, consistently delivers high-quality code due to established communication channels and shared understanding. Their implicit process, honed through shared experience, proves more effective than a rigid, inflexible framework. 3. Resources: Implicit efficiency also relates to how resources are utilized. It's not simply about having the right resources, but about leveraging them intuitively and creatively. A small, resourceful startup might overcome a lack of funding by creatively utilizing open-source tools and leveraging community support, showcasing a higher level of implicit efficiency than a larger, more resource-rich company bogged down in bureaucracy.

Measuring the Unmeasurable: Challenges and Approaches

Quantifying implicit efficiency presents a significant challenge. Traditional metrics fail to capture the nuanced interplay of people, processes, and resources. However, qualitative methods can shed light on its presence. Observational studies, ethnographic research, and interviews can reveal the unspoken mechanisms driving efficiency within a system. Analyzing error rates, identifying bottlenecks, and assessing overall project completion times can offer indirect indicators of high or low implicit efficiency. For example, consistently low error rates in a team despite a lack of formal quality control procedures might signal high implicit efficiency.

Real-World Examples: From Startups to Symphony Orchestras

Implicit efficiency is not confined to a single sector. Startups: The agility and rapid adaptation of startups often stem from high levels of implicit efficiency. Small teams with shared goals and strong communication quickly overcome challenges through improvisation and collective problem–solving. Manufacturing: Experienced factory workers might develop intuitive workflows that optimize production despite lacking formal documentation, exhibiting high implicit efficiency in their actions. Healthcare: A surgical team's seamless coordination, honed through years of

collaboration, showcases implicit efficiency in action \square a precise, efficient procedure based on unspoken understanding. Symphony Orchestras: The seemingly effortless coordination of musicians in a symphony orchestra relies heavily on implicit efficiency; years of practice allow them to interpret the conductor \square s cues with minimal explicit direction.

Conclusion: Embracing the Unseen Power of leff

Implicit efficiency, though challenging to measure, is a powerful force driving success in diverse contexts. Understanding and fostering ieff requires valuing tacit knowledge, promoting strong communication, and creating environments that encourage collaboration and adaptability. By recognizing and nurturing this oftenoverlooked aspect of organizational effectiveness, we can unlock significant potential for improvement and innovation.

Expert-Level FAQs on Implicit Efficiency:

1. How can organizations cultivate implicit efficiency? By investing in teambuilding activities, fostering open communication, encouraging knowledge sharing, and providing opportunities for employees to develop tacit knowledge through experience and mentorship. 2. How does implicit efficiency relate to organizational culture? A strong, collaborative organizational culture that values learning and shared understanding is essential for fostering high levels of implicit efficiency. Conversely, a rigid, hierarchical culture can stifle it. 3. Can implicit efficiency be detrimental in certain situations? Yes, in situations demanding standardization and strict adherence to procedures, reliance on implicit efficiency could lead to inconsistencies and errors. A balance is needed. 4. How can we differentiate implicit efficiency from mere luck or chance? Consistent high performance over time, despite changing circumstances, suggests implicit efficiency rather than luck. Analyzing underlying processes and communication patterns can further illuminate the distinction. 5. How can the concept of implicit efficiency be applied to artificial intelligence? By incorporating machine learning techniques that can identify and learn from emergent patterns and implicit relationships in data, Al systems can potentially mimic and even enhance human implicit efficiency.

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