

# Transformation and Reconstruction of Chinese Community in Singapore: A Case Study of Singapore Lee Clan General Association

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The study of Overseas Chinese and Translocal / Transnational Chinese, especially the study of Chinese immigrants in Southeast Asia, scholars have always focused on it. Singapore has long been a hotspot for Chinese migration. Chinese culture has a long history of development and has local cultural characteristics. As Singapore is the most modernized country in Southeast Asia, it is the gathering place of Chinese and Western cultures, and an important window for Western society to understand Eastern culture. In such a special geographical environment and social background, what Features does the Chinese community /Chinese association have?

Most of the early Chinese immigrants came from Fujian and Guangdong. Therefore, according to the use of dialect in their hometown, they formed the original community classification of the Singapore-dialect group. With the increase of the foreign population and the emergence of new immigrants, the composition of the Chinese community has also changed. The lineage associations/The clan association, based on the classification of " kinship", has developed in Singapore with the acceleration of regional mobility. After Singapore experienced the social turbulence of the Second World War, striving for autonomy and independence, the Chinese community gradually lost its role in the original society. Even so, Chinese associations are still in a highly developed and modern country, surviving through the experience of Chinese association transformation and localization.

At present, research on traditional dialect groups, Chinese Cemeteries, and temples in Singapore has matured. However, there is still a lack of research on the lineage associations, so this research hopes to bring attention to the lineage associations under the concept of existing research. This article is titled

“Transformation and Reconstruction of Chinese Community in Singapore: A Case Study of Singapore Lee Clan General Association” , to discuss the development of Singaporean Chinese associations from initiate and development to Singapore’ s independent statehood, a series of processes of transformation and reconstruction, in order to observe the role and significance of the Singaporean Chinese association in contemporary Singapore society.

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