

Commemorative Projects to mark LHZB's Centennial Celebrations

1. “Our Story, An Oral History of Lianhe Zaobao” commemorative book

“Our Story, An Oral History of Lianhe Zaobao”, a 400-page book written in Chinese, sets a reflective tone of the newspaper’s celebrations. The book contains interviews which were conducted as part of LHZB’s oral history project and aims to document the history of local Chinese newspapers. The two-year oral history project, in collaboration with the National Archives of Singapore, began in 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The book features interviews with 50 former retired journalists and employees who had worked at Nanyang Siang Pau, Sin Chew Jit Poh and LHZB newsrooms. They were interviewed by current and retired journalists from the SPH Media’s Chinese Media Group. Some of the interviewees included veteran journalists such as 93-year-old Mr Chang Chin Chiang and 94-year-old Mr Leang Meng Kwang, who shared about their newsroom lives in Singapore and Malaysia during the early years of nation-building, as well as their accomplishments and challenges. The book also contains reflections of younger journalists who had volunteered as interviewers for the oral history project.

“Our Story, An Oral History of Lianhe Zaobao” retails at \$50 (before GST) and is available at major bookstores from 7 September and our eshop, ZShop (zshop.zaobao.sg/products/our-story-an-oral-history-of-lianhe-zaobao) from 6 September. LHZB will also donate copies of the book to NLB’s public libraries, school libraries and Chinese community organisations.

2. Oral History Website and Gifting of Oral History Materials to NAS

The Oral History Website (interactive.zaobao.com/zaobao-centennial/oral-history/) encapsulates first-hand accounts of those interviewed for the oral history project. This unique website allows users to engage with history in different immersive formats. They can listen to audio recordings, anecdotes and memories shared by veterans of the local Chinese press.

Nearly 170 hours of interview recordings, together with their transcripts, were gifted to the National Archives of Singapore (NAS) and will be part of NAS’ national collection. These recordings, which are valuable personal accounts and collective memories of journalists from the Chinese newspapers, will be of great value for our future generation and for researchers who wish to gain insights into the history of the local newspaper industry.

3. “A Scroll Through A Century” online interactive graphic

“A Scroll through A Century” is an online interactive graphic which showcases the history of LHZB by presenting the newspaper’s historical milestones alongside major global and local events. Through engaging graphics, users are treated to an interactive experience

of exploring news headlines, photographs, articles, print layouts and videos in the digital scroll, thereby gaining insights into how LHZB has played a key role in our society through history. Users can access and experience the interactive website at [zaobao.com.sg/interactive/zb100scroll](https://www.zaobao.com.sg/interactive/zb100scroll).

4. “The News Catcher” Documentary Series

The 5-part documentary series, titled “The News Catcher”, focuses on LHZB’s core values, its development and ongoing transformation. It delves into the newspaper’s history, examines its changing role in an ever-evolving Singaporean society and envisions its future in the digital age. The series will be launched on <https://www.zaobao.com.sg/video-series/the-news-catcher> from 6 September 2023, and a new episode will be presented every week until 4 October 2023.