

## **Library beginnings**

When I first talk to Dr Cham, he called me and he said he doesn't want to have a traditional kind of library. He wants to have a library which is more like an information centre, having quick response to research and study needs of staff and students. I was thinking this kind of library has got to be an automated library. I have in mind that must have a computer-assisted type of library. In the beginning the library did not have a computer, even the University did not have a computer. We did not have computer time so how to start such a library at that time? As you know Dr Cham is very resourceful and always can come out with good advice. He said, "you go and look around the world". We took his advice. We formed a study tour team and we go around the world and in fact we went to as far as to England. As we are going to England, we contacted British Council for help and the British Council was very helpful at that time. They financed everything. They financed our trip and we formed a study team consisting of myself (University Librarian) and 2 more professional staff. The British Council paid for everything. They even help to arrange our visits in England. We learnt a lot in England but we did not fix up any agreement with them because they are so big. It is very hard even to tell what you want and make them agree to help you. Impossible. So we look around other places.