While brainstorming for ideas on what activities LIBRIS staff could organize for the NIE Open House, one of the suggestions tossed up was to collect and display memorabilia associated with education/schools. Eventually we settled on a display of memorabilia associated with the Teachers' Training College (TTC), Institute of Education (IE) and National Institute of Education (NIE) as we thought it would be an appropriate project to undertake for this historical event.

Trying to collect TTC memorabilia was a challenge. We received very few TTC memorabilia possibly because such items would be at least 29 years old! Staff were more forthcoming with IE and NIE memorabilia.

Some memorabilia on display included a TTC flag, College of Physical Education (CPE) flag, old NIE flag, group graduation photographs dating as far back as 1959, a 1965 TTC graduation certificate, TTC publications published in 1968, mugs, neckties, paper weights and others.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who have taken the trouble to locate and lend us their memorabilia for display in the Library for visitors to view during the NIE Open House on 26 Jan 2002.

We are still open to receiving TTC/IE/NIE memorabilia. So in future, instead of discarding items that you do not wish to keep while spring cleaning your office/home, please bring them to the Library. We may offer them a permanent home! We also hope that other long-serving staff members would take some time off from their busy schedule to locate and donate their memorabilia for permanent display in the Library.

Remember, these can contribute to a rich heritage for us to offer to the teachers and educators in Singapore.

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