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A FEAST OF THE INTERNET SERVED BY YAM

A series of two training sessions on the basic tools and resources of the Internet was concocted for the professional staff at the NIE Library on December 8 & 9, 1993. Also present were two guest participants, Mrs Lee-Khoo Guan Fong and Mdm Rohaya bin Mohammed from the CDIS Instructional Material Library. The "connoisseur" of the two sessions was Mr Yam Wai Ho of NIE Library.

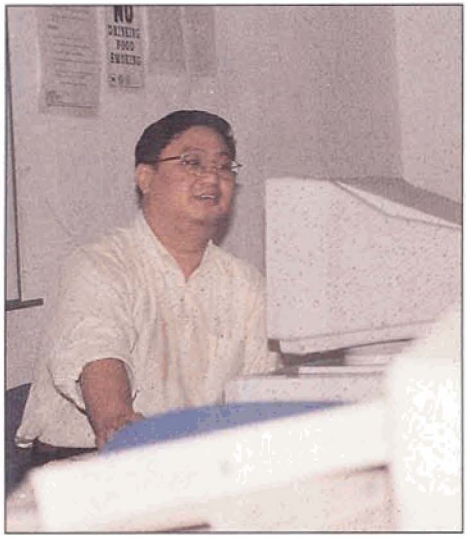

Photo 1. Yam Wai Ho, the "connoisseur"

Photo 2. NIE Library Internauts

The first session got rolling with a brief outline of the history of Internet being served. The main course for the rest of the session included telnet and ftp. Hands-on practices were aplenty and had the participants filled to the brim with logging into local and overseas on-line catalogues and special databases like the sites at CARL and Dartmouth, and transferring files from archive sites.

In the second session, demonstrations topped the menu. The participants were shown how to subscribe to LISTSERV discussion groups and conduct searches on Archie servers, the Gopher, Wide-area Information Server (WAIS) and World Wide Web (W3).

At the end of the "feast", the participants seemed not to have suffered any indigestion. In fact, the materials presented had sweetened their palates and whetted their appetites for more.