



TOGETHER
for a sustainable future

OCCASION

This publication has been made available to the public on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation.



TOGETHER
for a sustainable future

DISCLAIMER

This document has been produced without formal United Nations editing. The designations employed and the presentation of the material in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries, or its economic system or degree of development. Designations such as “developed”, “industrialized” and “developing” are intended for statistical convenience and do not necessarily express a judgment about the stage reached by a particular country or area in the development process. Mention of firm names or commercial products does not constitute an endorsement by UNIDO.

FAIR USE POLICY

Any part of this publication may be quoted and referenced for educational and research purposes without additional permission from UNIDO. However, those who make use of quoting and referencing this publication are requested to follow the Fair Use Policy of giving due credit to UNIDO.

CONTACT

Please contact publications@unido.org for further information concerning UNIDO publications.

For more information about UNIDO, please visit us at www.unido.org



D03057



Distr.
LIMITED

ID/WG.77/CP.12
15 November 1971

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Seminar on Industrial Information
(for the ECAFE and ECA regions)

Tehran, Iran, 14 - 25 September 1970

COUNTRY PAPER 1/

SINGAPORE

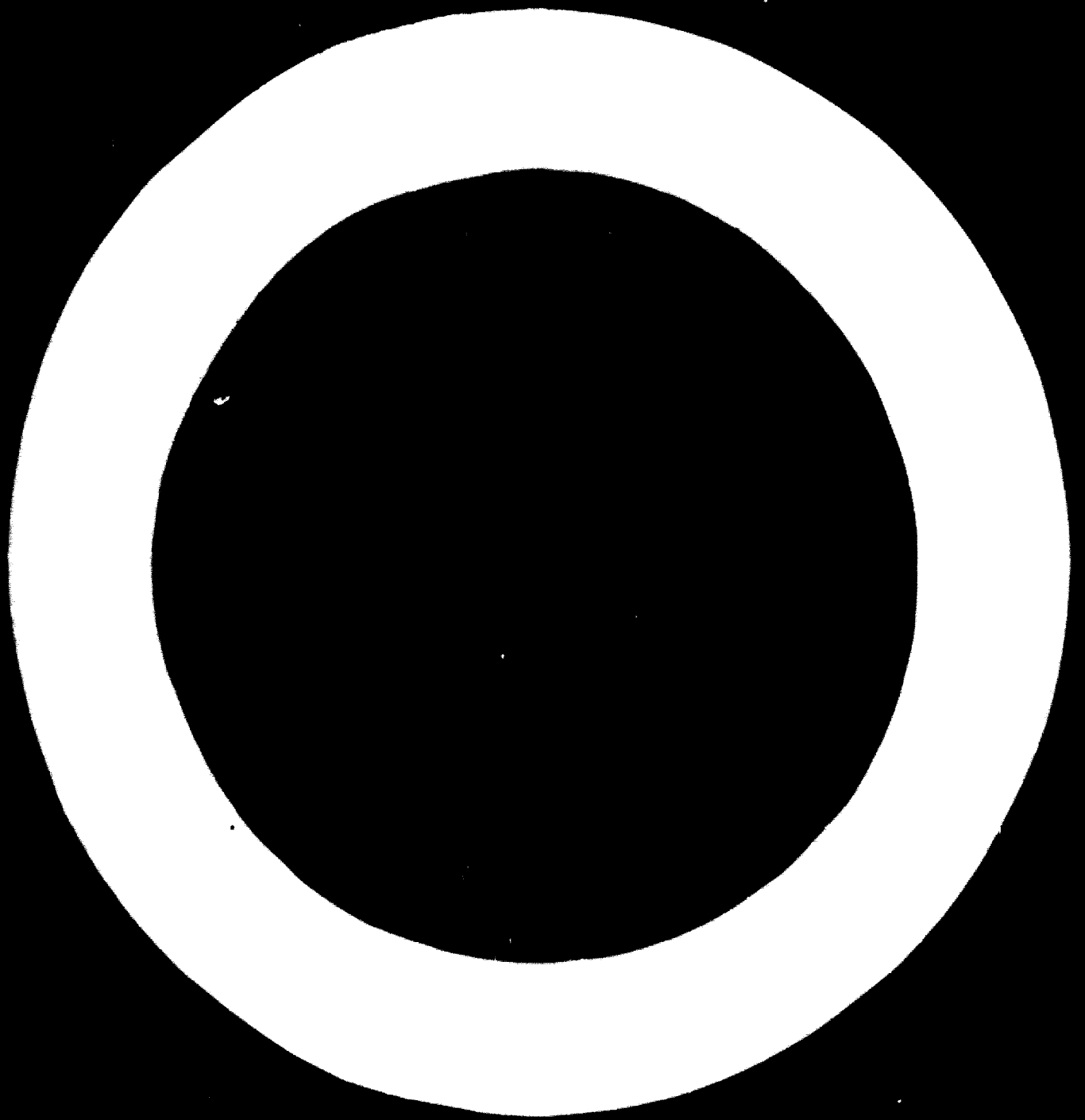
Yeo Soo-Meng
Extension Officer
Economic Development Board
Singapore

Organised in co-operation with the Iranian Government

1/ The views and opinions expressed in this paper are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Secretariat of UNIDO. This document has been reproduced with formal editing.

id.72-183

We regret that some of the pages in the microfiche copy of this report may not be up to the proper legibility standards, even though the best possible copy was used for preparing the master fiche.



Country Paper: SINGAPORE

Yeo Soo-Meng,
Extension Officer
Economic Development Board

Singapore, strategically situated on the southern part of the Malay Peninsula, covers an area of 225 square miles and has a population of approximately two million. In 1960 the Government launched a vigorous programme of industrialization to reduce the rising unemployment rate. Within two years, with an average rate of growth in the Gross Domestic Product of 9.4 per cent, the Republic has doubled its industrial output and tripled its industrial employment.

There is no single organisation in Singapore dealing specifically with industrial information, but the following bodies can supply certain types of industrial data and information.

1. Light Industries Services;
2. Engineering Industries Development Organisation;
3. Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research;

These three organizations perform market surveys, feasibility studies, quality control, and materials and product testing in their particular fields. Each one has a specialized library collection.

4. Singapore Economic Development Board;
5. Development Bank of Singapore;
6. Libraries. Among the libraries dealing with technical and industrial inquiries are:

(a) National Library. The collection of specialized technical literature and periodicals maintained is relatively small and limits the extent to which technical inquiries can be satisfied. The library is also responsible for the publication of the National Bibliography;

(b) Singapore Polytechnic Library. The periodicals held by the library cover pure science, technology, production engineering, civil

engineering, public health, engineering, industrial safety, etc. Technical inquiries from industrial firms are dealt with by the Reference Section. Compilation of bibliographies and literature searches, mainly in English, are carried out. Reproductions from the library holdings are provided on request;

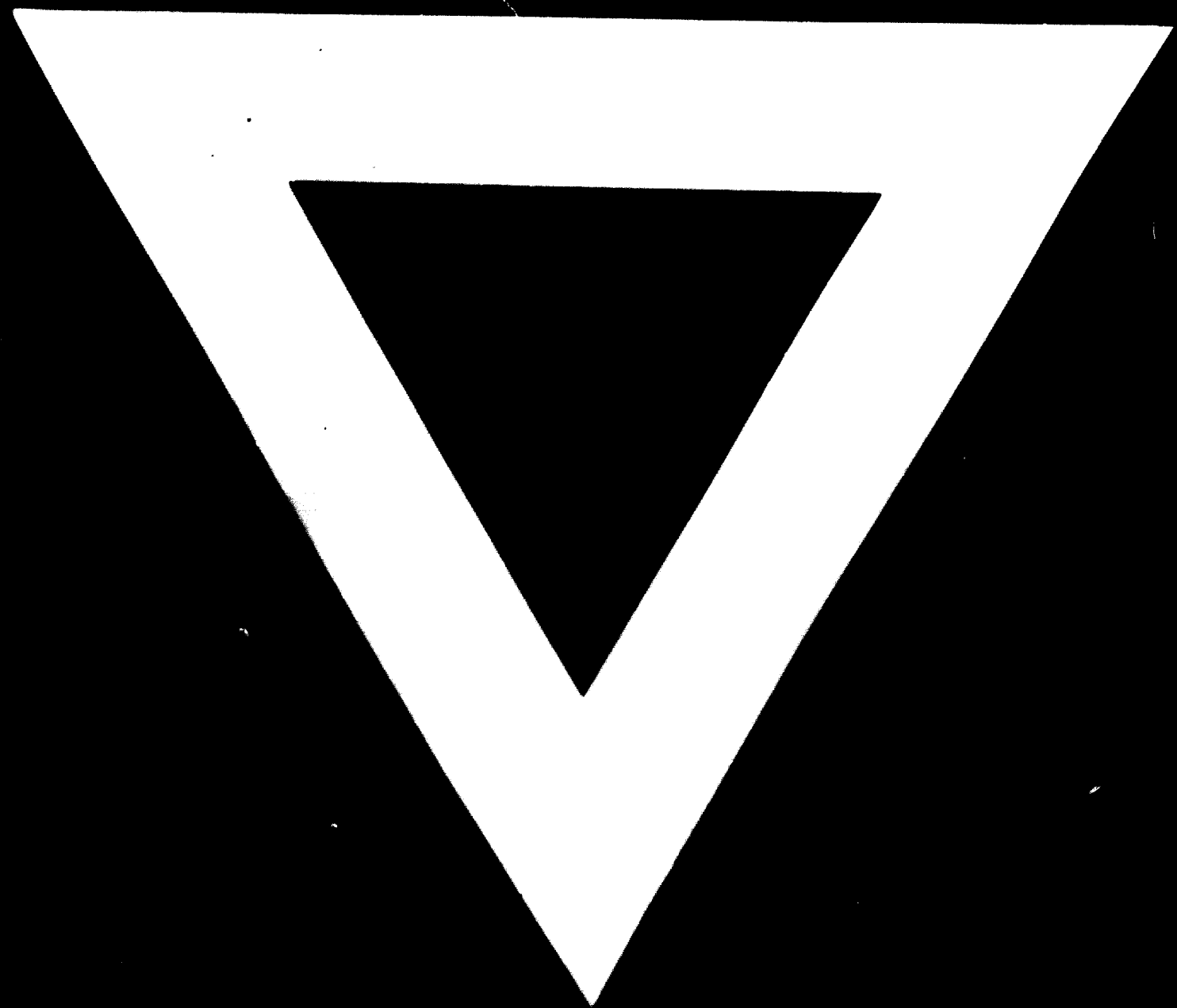
(c) Singapore University Library;

(d) Nanyang University Library.

Conclusion

To keep pace with its accelerating industrial development, Singapore must improve and expand its technical and industrial information facilities. Co-operation among existing sources of technical and industrial information is good, but a properly organised system is required to permit closer co-ordination and more effective linkage. In recognition of the importance of such a system, Singapore is already considering proposals for the establishment of a Scientific-Technical Information Centre, with a supporting Scientific-Technical Library, to handle the collection, processing and distribution of technical and industrial information in the Republic and to establish contact with related institutes abroad.





17. 5. 73