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Dear Dr. Phua:

Thank you very much for your letter. I would like to thank you again for arranging a most delightful and interesting visit while I was in Singapore.

I was very pleased to hear that you are Director of the Division of Research and Testing. I am sure you will find it an interesting and challenging position.

You mention that one of the responsibilities of the Division is to develop a register of educational research studies. NIE supports the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), a system through which educators can gain information about research results. You may wish to contact Mr. Charles Hoover, who is responsible for the Information Resources Division at NIE, for further information about managing this type of information.

In the area of testing, I suggest you contact Mr. Jeffry Schiller, who heads the Testing, Assessment and Evaluation Division at NIE. He will be able to suggest useful information in this area. If there are other research areas in which you are interested, I will be pleased to suggest other NIE staff to contact.

You might also consider contacting some of the international research organizations. For example, I have been told that activities are currently underway to expand the membership of the Pacific Circle Consortium and that contact has been made with the Singapore Ministry of Education. To find out more about the Consortium, I would suggest contacting:

Dr. Lawrence D. Fish
Pacific Circle Consortium
Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
300 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

You might also be interested in writing to UNESCO's Division of Educational Policy and Planning (UNESCO, ED/EPP, 7; Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France) and OECD's Center for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) (2, rue Andre-Pascal, 75775, Paris CEDEX 16, France).

We are not familiar with the Institute for Gifted Children that you mentioned in your letter. There is an Office of Gifted and Talented, which is part of the Department of Education (though not part of NIE). You may wish to contact:

Dr. Harold C. Lyon, Jr.
Office of Gifted and Talented
Donohue Building, Room 3835
400 6th Street, S. W.
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Again, let me congratulate you on your new position and wish you well. If I can be of further help, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Iris C. Rotberg, Director
Office of Planning and
Program Development