**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**SEMESTER II, AY2018-19**

##### Singapore’s Business History

Assignment One (15%)

Due: Week Six (during lecture time) Monday 18th February

For this assignment you are required to examine any of the following newspapers/news magazines from June 2017 to the present and to select one report or article relating to business in Singapore. Your selected article can range from a profile of a business, a business leader, business associations or even an industry. Critically analyze the article keeping in view some of the themes which this module addresses such as trading diasporas, ‘middlemen minorities’, trade networks, industries, and family businesses.

List of newspapers/ news magazines:

*The Straits Times,* Singapore

*The Business Times,* Singapore

*The Economist* Magazine

When analyzing the article, you might want to consider: what is the focus of the article? What are the main messages? Does this article contribute to my knowledge of Singapore’s business history? Why or why not?

Readings:

It is not necessary to do additional research for this assignment, but you may find it useful to draw on the set readings for this module.

##### Length and Submission details:

The paper should be 800 words maximum. Submission must be in hard copy (handed to your tutor during lecture time) and please do remember to attach a copy of the news article which you have analyzed. Papers can be printed double-sided and a separate cover page is not necessary.

Please also upload a softcopy of your written work (not the news article!) online via the IVLE as all papers will be checked via Turnitin.

**Grading:**

We are looking for you to demonstrate the ability to identify and critique an article which relates to the themes of this module. Good response papers will demonstrate your ability to go beyond simply summarizing the article you have selected.

Late submission penalty: Late submissions (without a valid reason) will result in a deduction of half a grade for each day beyond the due date.