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DULUTH -- Cheng-Khee Chee, a citizen of Malaysia with a master's degree in library science from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, has been appointed a junior librarian on the UMD campus.

Chee entered the University in 1962 after two years as assistant librarian and head of General Affairs and Preservation Sections at Nanyang University on the island of Singapore.

He hopes to continue his education in about two years with Ph.D. studies, possibly at Western Reserve University. His interest lies in the areas of reference and "information retrieving."

"Information retrieving is a new term for an old process with the emphasis more on mechanization. . . computers," said Chee.

Unless the political struggle between the Federal of Malaysia and Indonesia worsens in the years ahead, Chee plans to return home and work toward expanding and improving his country's college and university libraries.

Born in Fukien Province in China, Chee's family took up permanent residence in Malaya in 1948 because his father, an automobile parts dealer, spent most of his time there.

Chee graduated from Han Chiang High School in his hometown of Penang in 1956. He taught Chinese language and literature in the school for one year then entered Nanyang University in 1957, the year his country gained its independence and became the Federation of Malaysia.

Chee was studying at the University when Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore joined the Federation in 1963. Based on letters from his family and his own observation, he doesn't feel Indonesia is militarily ready to face Malaysia.