Museum revisited...

President Tony Tan Keng Yam (in jacket) was given a tour of the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research in Kent Ridge before the packing starts on one of the largest collections of South-east Asian animals in the region.

The President had launched a collection 25 years ago that was to play an instrumental role in the growth of the museum.

The museum is moving to a new and larger home next year, about 850m away on the National University of Singapore campus. It will be renamed Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum.

The collection has grown from 160,000 in 1988 – when President Tan, then education minister, opened the Zoological Reference Collection at the NUS science faculty – to 500,000 now.