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### International Conference on Northsumatra in Hamburg

The Institute for Indonesian and Southsea Languages, University of Hamburg, is preparing an International Conference on the Societies and Cultures of Northsumatra, scheduled to take place in Hamburg from November 25-27, 1981. A grant from the Volkswagen Foundation facilitated the invitation of about 40 experts on Northsumatra from all over the world. There will be scholars from Australia, from Indonesia, from the United States, from the Netherlands and from the Federal Republic of Germany participating in the conference which is organized in cooperation with the German Association for Asian Studies. About 25 papers will be read on problems of ethnology, history, social sciences, religions, language, literature and musicology.

The preparations suffered a severe setback in June 1981 by the sudden and untimely death of the newly appointed director of the Institute for Indonesian Languages, Professor Dr. Lode F. Brakel. His assistants and students, however, decided to continue with the preparations. In connection with the conference, there will be a reception of the participants by the President of the University of Hamburg, and, for the Indonesian guests, there will be a sight-seeing tour through Germany after the conference, provided for by the German government.

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### Chinesisch- und Japanisch-Intensivkurse 1982

Nachdem Ende September das diesjährige Intensivkursprogramm erfolgreich abgeschlossen wurde, plant die Deutsche Gesellschaft für Asienkunde e.V. auch im Jahre 1982 - dem 11. Jahr des Bestehens dieser Kurse - , Interessenten die Möglichkeit zu geben, in mehrwöchigen Intensivkursen Chinesisch und Japanisch in Sprache und Schrift zu erlernen. In Zusammenarbeit mit den Seminaren für Sprache und Kultur Chinas bzw. Japans