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Chinese Business Houses in South East Asia since 1870

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From March 22-24, 1993, the Centre of South East Asian Studies of the London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) held a workshop entitled "Chinese Business Houses in South East Asia since 1870" (Chairpersons: Dr Ian Brown and Dr Raj Brown).

The papers presented centred upon three aspects of Chinese business organisation in South East Asia over the last century:

- (i) Its financial basis with regard to Chinese flows of remittances from SEA to China, the emergence of regional Chinese capital networks and modern banking institutions;
- (ii) Chinese business practices in terms of management, networking, business structure and innovation;
- (iii) The role of Chinese business organisation within the changing economies of South East Asia from the end of the 19th century. The latter issue included the exploration of the relationships between Chinese businesses and the state, links between Chinese and European capital, and the evolution of Chinese capital into multinationals.

The programme included the following topics:

- 'Chinese Officers, the State and the Tin Industry in Colonial Indonesia' (Mary Somers Heidhues, University of Göttingen/Germany)
- 'Competing among Brothers: The Kin Tye Lung Company and its *Lien-haos* (Associate Companies)' (Choi Chi-cheung, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology/Hong Kong)
- 'Chinese Involvement in Rice Marketing in Thailand' (Pannee Auansakul, Payap University, Chiangmai/Thailand)

- 'Chinese Financial Networks and the Rice Industry' (Raj Brown, University of London/UK)
- 'Business on Trust - Chinese Social Structure and Non-Contractual Business Relations in Singapore' (Thomas Menkhoff, University of Cologne/Germany)
- 'Business Networks, Cultural Values and the State in Hong Kong and Singapore' (Wong Siu-lun, University of Hong Kong/Hong Kong)
- 'The Entrepreneurial Interest in Non-Communist Land Reform: West Fujian, 1929-1949' (Leo Douw, University of Amsterdam/The Netherlands)
- 'The Role of Singapore in the Overseas Chinese Remitting System, 1870-1930', 'Accounting Books and Merchants' Culture' (Takeshi Hamashita, University of Tokyo/Japan)
- 'Chinese Business Networks and Japan's Prewar Economic Expansion in Southeast Asia' (Peter Post, Free University Amsterdam/The Netherlands)
- 'Internationalization of Overseas Chinese Family Enterprises: The Case of the Philippines' (Hai-yan Zhang & Daniel Van Den Bulcke, University of Antwerp/Belgium)
- 'The Control of Equity in Chinese Firms within the Modern Sector from the late Qing to the Early Republic' (David Faure, University of Oxford/UK)
- 'The Origins and Early Years of the Wing On Company Group in Australia, Fiji Islands, Hong Kong and Shanghai: Organization and Strategy of a New Enterprise' (Wellington K.K. Chan, Occidental College, Los Angeles/USA)

The papers will be published as a monograph.

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