**June 2006** 

## **Editorial**

For the third time in eighteen months Indonesia has suffered a violent earthquake, on Saturday, May 27. This time the disaster hit the center of Java, more exactly the region of Yogyakarta. Figures revealed by the media on may 30 show that more than 5,000 people have died. Although the shocks were felt as far away as Jakarta, there was no damage in the capital, and all the personnel at the Jakarta Center are safe and sound. It does seem, however, that the temples at Prambanan suffered serious damage. Borobudur was not affected by the earthquake, but is still threatened by a possible eruption of Mount Merapi; the volcano has shown signs of activity over the past few weeks, and since the earthquake these signs have intensified sharply.

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### **Paris**

# Colloquia, missions, and meetings

Franciscus Verellen, director, will take part in a meeting of the European League of Non-Western Studies on June 1 at Leiden. He will then be in the United States from June 12 to 17, taking part in the international colloquium *Between Eternity and Modernity: Daoism and its Reinventions in the 20th Century*, organized by the École française d'Extrême-Orient and the Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, at Harvard University (June 13 to 15), and visiting the Rubin Museum and Columbia University (New York) on June 16.

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On June 14 and 15 Yves Goudineau, director of studies, will take part in the Study Days at the new Southeast Asia Center (UMR 8170/CNRS-EHESS). He is collaborating on the organization of these Days which will focus on "Identity reconstruction in Southeast Asia. The role of religion: local, state, and transnational dynamics."

On June 16 Yves Goudineau will preside at the General Assembly of AFRASE (French Association for Research on Southeast Asia).

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Wednesday, June 28 meetings of the EFEO Councils: the Academic Council at 10 a.m. and the Board of administrators at 2:30 p.m.

Olivier de Bernon et Alain Arrault have been elected as representatives of the EFEO faculty to the Academic Council (alternate Charlotte Schmid) and the Board of administrators (alternate Pierre-Yves Manguin) respectively. <a href="mailto:aline.belugou@efeo.net">aline.belugou@efeo.net</a>

## **Appointments, Personnel**

Valérie Liger-Belair has been named secretary-general of the École française d'Extrême-Orient beginning June 1. She formerly held the position of head of the Training Office in the Personnel Division of the Ministry of National Education, Higher Instruction, and Research.

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#### **EFEO-Paris Seminar**

The next EFEO-Paris seminar will take place on Monday, June 26 (12:30 to 2 p.m.) at the Maison de l'Asie. Presentation by Silvio Vita (University of Naples) on the topic of « La formation du "Canon" bouddhique dans la Chine médiévale : principes d'organisation et leur réception avant l'imprimerie » [The formation of the Buddhist 'canon' in medieval China: organizational principles and their reception before the era of printing].

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## Instruction at the Maison de l'Asie

## Monday:

- Seminar of the French group for research on Taiwan (Fiorella Allio), first Monday of the month, 2 to 6 p.m. (second floor lecture hall).

#### **Tuesday:**

- Archéologie historique de la façade maritime de l'Asie du Sud-Est, l'émergence des villes sur l'eau en Asie du Sud-Est : essai de typologie [Historical archaeology of the Southeast Asian seaboard and the emergence of waterfront towns in Southeast Asia: a typological exploration] (Pierre-Yves Manguin), from 2 to 4 p.m. (second floor lecture hall).
- Indochina seminar (Fernand Meyer and Michel Picard), 5 to 7 p.m. (second floor lecture hall).
- Seminar of the Korean Research Center (Alain Delissen and Daeyeol Kim), 2 to 5 p.m. (first floor lecture hall).

#### Wednesday:

- Introduction à la civilisation chinoise (Pierre Marsone), 10 a.m. to noon (first floor lecture hall).
- Lecture des leçons vernaculaires de l'Abhidharmma, approche des pratiques textuelles des bouddhistes du Cambodge [Vernacular readings from the Abhidharmma: introdution to textual practices of Cambodian Buddhists] (Olivier de Bernon), first and third Wednesday of each month, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. (first floor lecture hall).

### Thursday:

- Temple chola de Puncai : iconographie et épigraphie [Iconography and epigraphy of the Chola temple at Puncai] (Charlotte Schmid), 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

(second floor lecture hall).

- Anthropologie comparée de l'Asie du Sud-Est continentale. Productions identitaires et politiques du religieux [Comparative anthropology in continental southeast Asia] (Yves Goudineau and Bénédicte Brac de la Perriere), second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 5 to 7 p.m. (second floor lecture hall)
- Transmission des savoirs et "génie local" [Transmission of knowledge and "spirit of place"] (Claude Guillot), 10 a.m. to noon (first floor lecture hall)
- Littératures de l'Insulinde : les sources de la modernité : le XIXe siecle [Indonesian literatures: sources of modernity, the 19th century] (Henri Chambert-Loir), 2 to 4 p.m. (first floor lecture hall).
- Histoire et sociétés du Vietnam classique [History and societies of classical Vietnam] (Philippe Papin), 4 to 6 p.m. (first floor lecture hall)
- Épigraphie des temples de Pékin [Epigraphy in Peking temples] (Marianne Bujard), 1:30 to 3 p.m., (fifth floor lecture hall).
- Lectures des inscriptions sanskrites du Cambodge [Readings in Cambodian Sanskrit inscriptions] (Gerdi Gerschheimer and Claude Jacques), first and third Thursday of each month, 3 to 5:30 p.m. (fifth floor lecture hall) **Friday**:
- Anthropologie de la Corée [Korean anthropology] (Alexandre Guillemoz), 10 a.m. to noon (first floor lecture hall).
- Séminaire européen pluridisciplinaire de formation à la recherche sur la Corée [European multidisciplinary seminar on training in research on Korea] (Alexandre Guillemoz), 2 to 4 p.m. (second floor hall). http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/cours\_ma.shtml

#### Special event

June 23 and 24: colloquium: *Autour des collections d'art en Chine au XVIII*<sup>e</sup> siècle [Art collections in China in the 18<sup>th</sup> century], Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art (2 rue Vivienne, 75002 Paris, Giorgio Vasari room).collection.chine@yahoo.fr

June 2 and 3: international symposium Épigraphie tamoule: sources historiques et perspectives pluridisciplinaires [Tamil epigraphy: historical sources and multidisciplinary perspectives]. June 2 at the École Normale Supérieure, rue d'Ulm, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 75005 Paris; June 3 at the École Pratique des Hauts Études, Gaston Paris room, rue de la Sorbonne, 75005 Paris, a. murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr

June 9: Lecture of the joint China-Korea-Japan laboratory (EHESS-CNRS, UMR 8173), part of the seminar offered by Michel Bonnin, with the collaboration of Marianne Bujard: Ding Yizhuang (History Institute at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Guest researcher at the EFEO) will talk on "L'histoire orale de la ville de Pékin" [Oral history of the city of Peking] (11 a.m. – 1 p.m., room 451, EHESS, 54 bd Raspail 75006 Paris).

## Life at the Centers

#### Vientiane

At the beginning of June the team from the Vientiane Center will be visiting the University of Maha Sarakham (in Northeast Thailand), to collect documents concerning the history of the "Issane" region.

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### Phnom Penh

At the end of June Bertrand Porte will be visiting the museum at Da Nang and then Ho Chi Minh City.

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#### Hanoi

During June and July, as part of an agreement with the cultural service in Lào-Cai province, Philippe Le Failler will be undertaking a second season of making rubbings of carved rock faces in the Sapa district.

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#### **Jakarta**

From June 26 to August 12 Daniel Perret will be undertaking excavations at Padang Lawas (North Sumatra) with the Jakarta Archaeological Center and the Medan Archaeology Office.

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## **Peking**

EFEO HAS (History, Archaeology, and Society) Lectures: on June 8, Françoise Wang-Toutain (CNRS) will talk on "Le tombeau de l'empereur Qianlong et le bouddhisme tibétain" [The tomb of Emperor Qianlong and Tibetan Buddhism] at the Institute of Tibetology of the Minorities University (at 3 p.m., meeting hall).http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/asie.shtml#pekin

Alain Arrault will present a paper entitled "Preliminary analysis of domestic statuary in central Hunan: gods, ancestors, and masters" at the international colloquium *Between Eternity and Modernity: Daoism and its Reinventions in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* to be held at Harvard University on June 14 and 15. http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/europe.shtml

From June 24 to 29, as part of the program on "Taoism and local society" Alain Arrault is organizing a workshop to take place first at Loudi and then at Shiuche, in Hunan province. The meeting will bring together French, Chinese, and American collaborators who have participated in this program and will include, among other EFEO participants, Michela Bussotti.

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## **Hong Kong**

From 11 to 16 June David Palmer will be at Harvard University as co-organizer of the EFEO-Harvard colloquium *Between Eternity and Modernity: Daoism and its* 

Reinventions in the 20th Century. He will present a paper on "Tao and Nation: Li Yujie and his Transformations of Huashan Taoism."

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## **Taipei**

On June 2 Fabienne Jagou will give a lecture entitled "La sélection et la disparition du 11<sup>e</sup> Panchen Lama: un édit impérial (1793) à l'origine du 'secret le mieux gardé de Chine' (depuis 1995)" [The selection and disappearance of the 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama: an imperial edict (1793) behind 'the best-kept secret in China' (since 1995)], at the Taipei branch of the French Center for Studies on Contemporary China.

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From June 18 to 30 Fabienne Jagou will be visiting Chengdu (Sichuan) where she will participate in the *First International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Frontiers*. She will talk on the topic "Where are the borders of Kham province?" and will contact local researchers with the aim of preparing a collaborative research project on Khams.

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#### Seoul

On June 27 and 28, Élisabeth Chabanol will be at the Maison de l'Asie in Paris to participate in a group workshop on "Les interfaces Nord/Sud dans la péninsule coréenne" [North-south interfaces in the Korean peninsula] organized by the Korea team of the UMR 8173 (China-Korea-Japan). The project is underwritten by the ANR program "Young men and women scholars" 2005. elisabeth.chabanol@efeo.net

#### Tokyo

Seminar methodology for doctoral students, co-organized by the Maison franco-japonaise and the EFEO: Guillaume Ladmiral (EHESS, Kyoto University): "L'achat de votes dans le Japon d'avant-guerre, une étude de cas: l'île de Sado" [Buying votes in pre-war Japan, a case study: Sado Island], June 20 (6 p.m., MFJ, Tokyo, room 601). <a href="http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/asie.shtml">http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/asie.shtml</a>

On June 23 and 24 Christophe Marquet will take part in the round table on the accessibility of art collections at the colloquium *Autour des collections d'art en Chine au XVIII*<sup>e</sup> siècle [Art collections in China in the 18<sup>th</sup> century], organized by Anne Kerlan-Stephens (CNRS) and Michèle Pirazzoli-t'Serstevens (EPHE), with the support of the CNRS, the Centre de recherche sur les civilisations chinoise, japonaise et tibétaine (UMR 7133), the EPHE (history and philology division), and the International Research Group "Les Mondes Lettrés," at the Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Paris. For the program see under the category À signaler) on the website <a href="http://www.inha.fr/article.php3?id\_article=1067.christophe.marquet@efeo.net\_http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/conferences.shtml">http://www.efeo.fr/actualites/conferences.shtml</a>

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