Editorial
The European Consortium for Asian Field Study (ECAF), formally established last year on September 3 (see http://www.efeo.fr/ECAF/gm.html) and coordinated by the EFEO, is now operational. The first meeting of the Steering Committee and the first General Meeting of its members was held on February 11 at the British Academy in London. The general budget for the group for 2008-2009 was approved, as was the procedure for publishing calls for applicants for study and research stays at one of the Consortium’s network of twenty sites in Asia. The ECAF is happy to welcome two new members whose request for membership has been ratified: The Center for East Asian Studies at Turku University (Finland) and, as an associate member, the National Center for Archaeological Research (Indonesia).

The group from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research charged with evaluating the EFEO’s branches in Asia carried out their on-site visits between February 14 and 21. The delegation included Jean-Michel Dion (deputy director general for Higher Education), Gilbert Puech (chair of the Board of Administrators), and François Queyrel (chair of the Academic Council of the EFEO). The EFEO itself was represented by the director, Franciscus Verellen, and the director of studies, François Lachaud. The group visited the EFEO centers at Pondicherry, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Vientiane, and Hanoi. They were able to visit archaeological sites, engage in discussions with EFEO scholars, and become acquainted with the main EFEO programs of research, training, and international cooperation in the region. The delegation also met with the French ambassadors to the five countries they visited, and witnessed the signature of the formal partnership agreement between the EFEO and APSARA, the Cambodian national authority responsible for managing the Angkor site.

Paris
Colloquia, missions, and meetings
On March 14 Franciscus Verellen, Director, will visit the Center for East Asian Studies at Turku University (Finland) to sign a cooperation agreement and establish terms for the participation by the Center in the European Consortium for Asian Field Study (ECAF).
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On March 27, at 12:15 p.m., François Lachaud, director of studies, will give a lecture, as part of the Iéna Lecture Series, on “La femme et le serpent : le bouddhisme et ses démons dans le Japon d’Edo (1603-1867)” [Women and serpents: Buddhism and its demons in Edo Japan (1603-1867)] in the auditorium of the Guimet Museum (see below). He is recommencing his lectures in the 5th Section of the EPHE beginning in the second half of March.
On March 20 and 21 Valérie Liger-Belair, secretary general, will participate in the national meetings of secretaries general in institutions of public higher education (SGEPES).

Paola Calanca will be in China from March 10 to 23. She will be taking part in the *International Conference on Piracy and Maritime Security in the South China Sea*, organized by the National Institute for the South China Sea Studies on “Piracy on the South-East Coast of China (from the 17th to the middle of the 18th century).”

Personnel

Yves Goudineau will be in the United Kingdom beginning this month. He has been invited to a visiting professorship at the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Oxford University as part of an agreement signed with the Maison Française d’Oxford (MFO).

Benoît Jacquet, post-doctoral researcher (holder of a 2007 doctorate from Paris VIII and a 2006 doctorate from Kyoto University), is assigned to the Kyoto Center under a 12-month contract with the EFEO for the period March 1, 2008, to February 28, 2009.

Two positions have been advertised in the *Journal Officiel* of February 28, 2008:

- Director of Studies in “The intellectual, religious, or political history of Southeast Asia”
- Lecturer in Japanese studies

Applicants should submit dossiers before March 27, 2008.

Library

Contents of volumes 1-91 of the BEFEO are now online at [http://www.persee.fr/](http://www.persee.fr/).

Cristina Cramerotti, Library conservator, will be visiting the Chiang Mai Center from March 1 to 8 in order to provide training to the new librarian in library management and computerized cataloguing.

Exchanges of publications with Gakushuin Library, the British Library, and the Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst.

Publications

*Angkor, Mémoires et identité khmères*, éd. Autrement, coll. Mémoires/Villes,
Traces: ces pierres qui parlent [Remains: stones that speak]

- Christophe Pottier, “Nouvelles recherches archéologiques: acteurs, méthodes et techniques” [New archaeological research: participants, methods, and techniques], pp. 22-36.

Usages: de la science à l’image [Usage: From scholarship to the imagination]

- Bruno Dagens: “Angkor, instrument politique: un symbole pour l’Indochine et le Cambodge” [Angkor as a political instrument: a symbol for Indochina and Cambodia], pp. 94-106.


http://www.efeo.fr/publications/vdp.shtml
http://www.efeo.fr/publications/travaux.shtml

EFEO-Paris Seminar
The next EFEO-Paris Seminar will be held on Monday, March 31 (12:30-2:00 p.m.) at the Maison de l’Asie. Guillaume Carré (EHESS) will talk on the topic of
“Le monde de la finance dans la ville de Kanazawa au début du 18e siècle” [The world of finance in the city of Kanazawa at the beginning of the 18th century].
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Iéna Lectures (EFEO - Musée Guimet)
March 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: “L’art bouddhique au Champa: influence et spécificité” [Buddhist art in Champa: influence and specificity], presented by Pierre Baptiste (Guimet Museum), EFEO main lecture hall (2nd floor). For reservations, call 01 53 70 18 34.

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Maison de l’Asie
Seminar on the topic of “Qu’y a-t-il derrière un nom de divinité ? A propos d’un extrait du Tattvacintâmani de Gangeça (XIVe siècle)” [What lies behind the name of a god? Concerning an extract from the Tattvacintâmani of Gangeça (14th century)], by Gerdi Gersshheimer (EPHE/SR seminar)
Tuesdays, beginning March 16, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., 5th floor classroom.

For all the seminars held at the EFEO site, see:
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Life in the Centers
Pondicherry
During March Dominic Goodall will be visiting Japan at the invitation of Professor Kei Kataoka at Fukuoka University (Kyushu) and the Japanese Association for the Advancement of the Sciences. He will be working on a joint project with Professor Kataoka dealing with the Shivaite theological treatise Tattvatrayanirnayavivrti of Ramakantha.
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Jean Deloche is going to New Delhi, to the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, to take part in a seminar on Cities in Medieval India (1200-1800) to be held on March 6 and 7. He will present a talk entitled “Old Pondicherry revisited (1763-1824).”
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Bangkok
In mid-March Peter Skilling will present a talk, earlier presented as one of the Iéna Lectures series, on the topic of “New discoveries in the Buddhist art of South India: The life of the Buddha from Phanigiri, Andhra Pradesh,” at the Singapore Museum of Asiatic Civilisations in connection with the exhibition On the Nalanda Trail, Buddhism in India, China and Southeast Asia.
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On March 3 the Bangkok Center is organizing, at the Sirindhorn Anthropology Center, a day-long open house for local Francophone organizations, particularly the group *Accueil francophone de Bangkok* and the *Association des guides du Musée national*. Following a visit to the premises and permanent exhibitions at the Center, there will be two lectures: Pierre Pichard will talk on “L’EFEO en Thaïlande: archéologie, architecture et patrimoine” [The EFEO in Thailand: archaeology, architecture, and national heritage], and François Lagirarde on “Monastères, bibliothèques, manuscrits et histoires du Lanna” [Lanna monasteries, libraries, manuscripts, and histories].

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Vientiane
During March the team at the Vientiane Center will be making a new expedition to Sékong province as part of the research program on historical resources on Lao territory.
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Phnom Penh
Bertrand Porte will make a visit to the Ho Chi Minh City Historical Museum during the last two weeks of March.
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Siem Reap
From February 5 to March Christophe Pottier will be directing the excavation season of the Mission franco-khmère pour l’Aménagement du Territoire angkorien (MAFKATA) [Franco-Khmer Mission for the Management of the Angkor Territory]. These excavations, co-financed by the National Commission for Foreign Excavations of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represent a collaboration between the APSARA authority and the EFEO. This year work will be done on the Prei Monti and Prah Ko sites.
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Peking
As part of the *Histoire, archéologie et société* lecture series organized by the EFEO Center in Peking, and to mark the great exhibition of reproductions of Dunhuang Paintings at the Peking Museum of Fine Arts, Chai Jianhong, a Dunhuang specialist and secretary of the Society for Dunhuang and Turfan Studies, will present a lecture entitled “Comment comprendre et apprécier les peintures murales des grottes de Dunhuang” [How to understand and appreciate the wall paintings in the Dunhuang caves]. This lecture will take place on Tuesday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m., at the headquarters of the Commercial Press at Wangfujing.
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Tokyo
Workshop on research into the history of publishing during the Edo period: a lecture by Shiroto Makiko (Gakushuin Joshi Daigaku University) on the topic of “Lecture et analyse du Kaihan shishin (De la voie à suivre pour publier un livre), un recueil de documents officiels inédits sur le processus de la censure au Japon
au milieu du XIXe siècle, conservé à la Bibliothèque nationale de la Diète” [Reading and analysis of the *Kaihan shishin* (the process of publishing a book), a collection of unpublished official documents on censorship in Japan in the mid 19th century, preserved in the Diet National Library). First meeting: Tuesday, march 25, at 3 p.m., at the Tôyô bunko.

Doctoral seminar co-organized with the la Maison franco-japonaise, Friday, March 28: Nicolas Baumert (Waseda University) will speak on the topic “Existe-t-il des terroirs du saké” [Are there terroirs in the production of sake?], Maison franco-japonaise, Tokyo, 6 p.m., room 601.

http://www.mfj.gr.jp/  
http://www.mfj.gr.jp/programme/semin20071112.html  
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Kyoto
Frédéric Girard will present on March 14 a lecture entitled “Buddhists and Jesuits in Japan during the 17th Century” as part of *Scholars of Buddhism in Japan: Buddhist Studies in the 21th Century*, the Ninth Annual Symposium for Scholars Resident in Japan, IRCJS.
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Kyoto lectures: lecture by Angus Lockyer on the topic “Exhibitions and Meiji Japan (and Modernizing Kyoto),” March 13 at 6 p.m. Discussant: Michael Wasserman, Ritsumeikan University.
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