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Editorial

Pondicherry is in the forefront of our attention this month. We will be participating in the celebration there of the fiftieth anniversary of French Indology, and sharing, with our colleagues at the French Institute at Pondicherry, in an international colloquium to mark this anniversary, on “Forms and practices of commentary in the Indian world.” Then the EFEO Center in Pondicherry, after having devoted a full month to the third Classical Tamil Winter School, will welcome us at the beginning of March for our general meeting. This gathering will simultaneously provide an opportunity for all to become better acquainted with the research being carried on there.

In the aftermath of the tragic *tsunami*, we have learned with great sorrow of the disappearance in Banda Aceh of Isa Sulaiman, a student of Denys Lombard and professor at Aceh University. He was well known to our colleagues in Indonesia. The EFEO mourns the loss of this scholar and extends its deep condolences to his family.

Anne Josso, who has been in charge of publication services, has reached the end of her assignment to the EFEO and on 31 January returned to her original post in the offices of the Prime Minister. We all hope that this does not mean the end of her association with the EFEO.

Paris

Colloquia, missions, and meetings

The next EFEO-Paris seminar will take place on Monday, 14 February (12:30 to 2 p.m.) at the Maison de l'Asie. Olivier de Bernon will talk on “The gift of his private archives to the EFEO by His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk.”

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At Leiden, from 22 to 25 February, Pierre-Yves Manguin will take part in the Master

Class organized by the IIAS with John Miksic on the topic of “Southeast Asia: a center of Ancient Urbanism?”

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From 24 to 26 February Yves Goudineau will take part in the conference on missionary anthropology organized at Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium) by the University of Louvain in collaboration with the CNRS. He will present a paper on the work of Jacques Dournes, ethnologist working among the Sré and Jaraï peoples of Vietnam.

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Publication

David A. Palmer, *La fièvre du Qigong: Guérison, religion et politique en Chine, 1949-1999*. Paris: 2005, Éditions de l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 530 pages.

EFEO Scholarships

EFEO grants for overseas study have been awarded to Martine Gestin (28 January to 27 July, Pondicherry), Nikola Rajic (25 January to 24 March, Pondicherry), Eszter Samogyi (26 January to 25 February, Pondicherry), Valérie Zaleski (25 January to 24 February, Bangkok).

Maison de l'Asie

EHESS Lectures, Korean Center (Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m., second floor meeting room at the Maison de l'Asie):

4 February, SONG Do-Young: “Le paysage urbain a-t-il une valeur? Politique de conservation du quartier traditionnel de Kahoedong, Séoul .”

11 February, SONG Do-Young: “La rénovation de centre ville, contradictions : Ch’onggye ch’on, Séoul.”

18 February, Anders Karlsson : “Flooding, Famine and Finance: Relief work in late Choson Korea.”

25 February, 4th study day for doctoral candidates in Korean studies.

Life in the Centers

Pondicherry

In collaboration with the EFEO, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Samsthan (New Delhi), and the University of Paris III, the French Institute of Pondicherry is organizing in Pondicherry from 22 to 25 February a conference entitled “Forms and practices of commentary in the Indian world.”

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The Third Classical Tamil Winter School began on 31 January 2005. Two parallel sessions of classes, one for beginners and the other for advanced students will be held throughout the four-week long workshop. Thomas Anzenhofer (Halle-Wittenberg), Dr. Thomas Lehmann (Heidelberg) and Dr. Eva Wilden will conduct grammar classes for both levels. T.V. Gopal Iyer will conduct advanced reading sessions (selections from the *Akananuru* and the *Tirukovaiyar*). There will also be parallel reading sessions with the Center’s scholars organized every afternoon as follows:

- Varada Desikan: Vaisnava poetry for beginners (*Tiruvaymoli* and the *Tiruvarangakkalampakam*).
- G. Vijayavenugopal: Introduction to epigraphy and Tamil inscriptions.
- T. Rajeswary: Introduction to reading manuscripts.
- T.S. Gangadharan: Cilapatikaram.

Lectures by experts and participants on various subjects related to Classical Tamil are planned every Tuesday and Thursday. Two concerts – Carnatic Music by Padmashree Mrs. Sudha Raghunathan and her group, and Music of the Divyaprabandham by Padmabhushan Madurai T. N. Seshagopal and his group – have also been organized on 5 and 11 February.

Participants in the School have come from France, United Kingdom, Russia, USA, New Zealand, Hungary, Croatia, Germany, and Singapore. <http://www.efeo.fr/ctws/>

Dr. G. Vijayavenugopal will participate in the Committee Meeting on “Translation of Anandaranga Pillai’s Diary into Hindi,” organized at the Pondicherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, on 24 February 2005. He will also participate in the meeting of the Board of Studies, Bharathiar School of Tamil Studies at the Pondicherry University on 28 February 2005.

His holiness the Abbot of the Tiruvatuturai Adheenam has presented Mr. T.V. Gopal Iyer with an award in memory of “Mahadevan Sriman Menatchisundaram Pillai” for the year 2005. The award consisted of a gold ring, *por-kili* (gold coins to the value of 3000 rupees tied up in a piece of cloth), a silk shawl, and a certificate of merit.

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Chiang Mai

Louis Gabaude has been invited by the Laboratory for Ethnology and Comparative Sociology at the University Paris X--Nanterre, to participate in an international workshop on “Monastic life seen from the point of view of relationship: towards a comparison of different forms of monastic life,” from 2 to 3 February. He will present a paper on “Away from the world or within the family: the Rule, law, and walls for Thai Buddhists.” (At the Maison de l’archéologie et de l’ethnologie, University de Paris X -Nanterre). Louis Gabaude will be working in the EFEO library in Paris from 14 to 16 February.

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Siem Reap

Until 15 February Christophe Pottier is taking part in the “winter mission” of the University of Sydney within the framework of the GAP (Greater Angkor Project), Apsara project, EFEO, USYD, research program.

From 20 January to 22 February, the Center will welcome Kate Domett (biologist-anthropologist at James Cook University, Australia), and Hallie Buckley (Otago University, New Zealand). Along with three assistants they will be carrying out a scientific analysis of human remains from the prehistoric necropolis of Phum Snay, in Banteay Meanchey province.

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Phnom Penh

Personnel from the restoration workshop at the Phnom Penh Museum will be taking rubbings and photographing inscriptions at the provincial museum in Battambang beginning in February. A restoration mission at the Cham museum in Da Nang will be organized after the Tet holidays (9 February).

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Jakarta

Andrée Feillard will be carrying out research work at the Nahdlatul Ulama in East Java, from 17 to 22 February.

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Peking

Alain Arrault will give a talk on the topic of the calendar and festivals at the international colloquium on “The calendar in the Nation-State: calendrical festivals and vacation days” organized by the Chinese Association for Folklore Studies and the Peking Folklore Museum from 14 to 15 February.

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Hong Kong

David Palmer will be in Paris from 9 to 16 February, for the launching of his *La fièvre du Qigong. Guérison, religion et politique en Chine, 1949-1999*. He will be giving a talk at the Centre de recherches sur la Chine moderne et contemporaine (CECMC) of the EHESS (54, bd Raspail, 75006 Paris) on Tuesday, 15 February, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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On 18 February, David Palmer will talk at the Center for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society of the Chinese University of Hong Kong on the topic of “Modern Religious Utopianism in China and the West: Comparing the Qigong and New Age Movements.”

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Tôkyô

Lecture by Christophe Marquet: “Emanueru Toronkowa to Meiji makki no yôga (Emmanuel Tronquois and western-style painting at the end of the Meiji period),” on 14 February at 4 p.m. at the Center for research in the humanities at Kyoto University.

<http://www.zinbun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e-index.html> , www.efeo.fr/actualites/asia.shtml

Doctoral methodology seminar (for French students working in Japan), organized by the Maison franco-japonaise and the EFEO: the fourth meeting will take place on 25 February (6:30 p.m.). Ilan N’guyen (Tôkyô kôgei University) will talk on “Japanese animated cinema.”

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Seoul

From 14 February to the beginning of March, the Seoul Centre and the Asiatic Research Center (Korea University) will welcome Valérie Gelézeau (geographer, University of

Marne-la-Vallée, member of the UMR 8033 “Korean Studies” at the CNRS-EHESS-Paris 7), who will be starting a research project on the frontier zone between the two Koreas.

At the end of February, Andrea de Benedittis (doctoral candidate in ancient Korean history at Korea University and member of the EFEO EA on “Archeology and Art History of Korea”) will be spending ten days at the Center to work with Elisabeth Chabanol on the Korean-French lexicon of archaeology and the history of art.

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