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The French School of Asian Studies (EFEO), Taipei Center  
has the pleasure to invite you to attend the following talks by

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**I.**

**The Kota Cina Settlement Site in North Sumatra:  
An Overview of French-Indonesian Excavations (2011 2016)**

on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 3:00 pm

**Room 201, Institute of Archaeology, Li-hsing Campus,  
National Cheng Kung University, Tainan**

Organized by the Institute of Archaeology, National Cheng Kung University and the  
EFEO Taipei Center

*The talk will be given in English with consecutive interpretation in Chinese. Registration is not  
required.*

此為英文演講 (中文口譯)。自由入座，無須報名

**Abstract:**

In Indonesia, the first significant archaeological excavations of old settlements from the historical period were undertaken in the mid-1970s at Kota Cina, located in northeast Sumatra, on the Strait of Malacca between Medan and Belawan. They were soon followed by investigations conducted by archaeologists from the National Centre for Archaeological Research of Indonesia until 1979. These pioneering researches, albeit based on limited excavations, revealed remains of several brick structures and large quantities of artefacts, confirming the importance of the site following earlier or contemporary discoveries of Buddhist and Hindu stone and bronze images. Moreover, a few years later remains of two vessels built according to the Southeast Asian lashed-lug construction technique were found nearby. Based on these finds, a late eleventh early fourteenth century CE dating was suggested.



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Although not forgotten, no other archaeological excavations were conducted at Kota Cina until 2010. Intensive new archaeological research at Kota Cina took place between 2011 and 2016 under the auspices of a French-Indonesian archaeological project. As the collective volumes related to this project have just been published, this talk will present an overview of the finds, as well as reflections on the place of Kota Cina in the history of the region, and more broadly in the relations between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea.

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## II.

### **New Research into the History of the Sultanate of Patani (16th 17th c. CE)**

**on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 3:00 pm**

**Room 703, Research Building, Institute of History and Philology  
Academia Sinica**

Organized by the Research Center for Taiwan & Southeast Asia Archaeology,  
Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica and the EFEO Taipei Center

*The talk will be chaired by Prof. CHEN Kuo-tung, Research Fellow, Institute of History and  
Philology, Academia Sinica & Prof. Frank MUYARD, Head, EFEO Taipei Center*

此演講由中央研究院歷史語言研究所陳國棟研究員、  
法國遠東學院臺北中心主任梅豪方教授共同主持

*The talk will be given in English. Registration is not required.*  
此為英文演講。自由入座，無須報名。

#### Abstract:

The history of the kingdom of Patani, on the east coast of the Thai peninsula along the South China Sea, has attracted scholarly interest for nearly two centuries, mostly due to the important economic role played by this kingdom in Asian trade during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Combining fieldwork, study of Portuguese, Dutch, and local sources, including recently discovered Portuguese archival material, this talk will discuss issues relating to the foundation of the sultanate, the organisation of its capital at the beginning of the 17th century, its Muslim tombstones, the reigns of the four queens between late 16th and mid-17th century, and finally its participation in the Asian high seas trade at the time.



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### III.

## Spatial Dynamics of Three Old Settlement Sites in Sumatra Based on Artefacts (9th 16th c. CE)

on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9:30 am

Department of Anthropology, Shui-yuan Campus,  
National Taiwan University

Organized by the Department of Anthropology, National Taiwan University and  
the EFEO Taipei Center

*The talk will be given in English. Registration is not required.*

此為英文演講。自由入座，無須報名。

#### Abstract:

Archaeological research on old settlement sites of Sumatra, especially of the North Sumatra Province, has been particularly active for the last 30 years, notably in the framework of French-Indonesian cooperation. This cooperation in North Sumatra started with the launch of a project (1995 2000) on the west coast led by Claude Guillot (CNRS), focused on the coastal settlement site of Lobu Tua (9th late 11th c. CE) in the Barus area, well known since the second half of the first millennium CE for trade in camphor and gold, among other commodities from the interior.

A second collaborative archaeological project (2001 2005), involving the École française d'Extrême-Orient/French School of Asian Studies (EFEO) and the National Centre for Archaeological Research of Indonesia, focused on the other ancient settlement sites in the Barus region, especially Bukit Hasang (12th 16th c. CE). In 2006, the first relatively systematic archaeological study of an ancient settlement site in the interior of Sumatra started in the Si Pamutung site (mid-9th late 13th c. CE). Si Pamutung is situated in the Padang Lawas region, which has been, for the last century and a half, associated with a number of Hindu-Buddhist remains. The results of this project (2006 2010) compelled to rethink the history of Padang Lawas in a new light. The research team then moved to the Kota Cina site (late 11th early 14th c. CE), on the Strait of Malacca, where fieldwork activities were conducted between 2011 and 2016.

This talk will present the main results of methodological approaches looking at the spatial distribution of certain categories of finds at Bukit Hasang, Si Pamutung and Kota Cina. A first objective is to present how the series of events consisting of the emergence of the site, its rise, its period(s) of decline, and then its abandonment, appear through the spatial distribution of stoneware and porcelain finds. A second objective is to reveal areas devoted to specialised activities.



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