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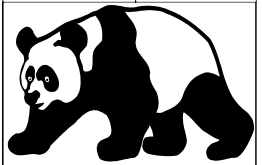
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澄懷古今：莫家三代珍藏
Timeless Legacy: The Mok Family Collections









SEPTEMBER IS
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
MONTH!

**Your Friends' Membership will expire as of September 30th 2008
(unless you joined after April 1st. 2008)**

**Please complete and update the enclosed renewal form,
write a cheque and mail both back as soon as possible.**

**For more information, please contact:
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Chairman's Message...

Sarah Parnell

Digital Enhancement: during a demonstration of the finger-painting technique used by the artist Chan Yu San, Professor Chan Yung (the artist's son) honors Sarah by inviting her to add the duck's tail.



Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a good summer. I stayed in Hong Kong for most of it, enjoying visits from my two daughters. Though I won't say I feel entirely rested and invigorated, I am looking forward to working with the new Friends committee. Our committee members have varied backgrounds and nationalities and I trust our programme this year will reflect this diversity. As always, remember that we welcome extra hands, and that there's always something for you to do to help out your Friends and your all-volunteer committee.


Inside this newsletter you will find a membership renewal form, and it would be most appreciated if you all would send in your renewals in a timely manner. Last year, in the absence of a dedicated membership secretary (I tried to take over that position) we did not publish our yearly directory. This autumn we aim to print an updated directory, and in order to do so we must first have your renewals, so that you will be included if you so wish.

Beginning with the October issue, we plan to send out our newsletter to all via email, so please do be sure we have your correct email address, and let us know if you are unable to receive the newsletter by email, so that we can be sure you receive a copy. This change will considerably save on our expenses, and we appreciate your co-operation.

This month we are fortunate to welcome distinguished professor Tien Chi Chen, who will speak on the subject of Science and Beauty. Also in September, textile specialist Judith Rutherford will talk with us on the subject of Chinese textiles then lead us in a tour of the lovely Chinese robes on display in the new extension of the CUHK Art Museum. She will be joined by noted collector Mr. Edwin Mok, and the event will be followed by lunch at the Shatin Jockey Club. Our gallery group co-ordinators have arranged a visit to meet American artist Lee Waisler who will lead us around his latest show. One or more of these events will be a good chance for us to catch up on our friendships with other members, and to meet new people. I hope to see many of you this month, and remember to renew your membership as soon as possible!

Sarah

September Calendar...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Gallery Group Lee Waisler Exhibition 2:00pm	11	12	13
14	15 Public Holiday	16	17	18	19 Jingdezhen/ Huangshan Trip Departs 11:25am	20
21	22 	23  Study Grp. Organiza- tional Meeting at Helena May 10:15am	24 Jingde- zhen/ Huangshan Trip Returns 10:35am	25 Lecture 6:30pm at Helena May	26	27 Day Tour Chinese Robes at CUHK Museum 10:30am
28	29	30 FRIENDS' MEMBER- SHIP EXPIRATION DATE!	1 Public Holiday	2	3 HKIAAF Fair Preview HKCEC 6:00pm to 9:30pm	4 Sotheby's Gallery Tour 11:00am

Study Group...

The joint Friends/Helena May study group offers members a chance to learn about a particular aspect of Asian art, history and culture. Each participant is expected to research a topic selected under the umbrella of the study theme and present it to the group in the form of a 40-minute talk. Usually, though this is not a requirement, the oral presentation is accompanied by visuals, such as PowerPoint images. Every presentation is different and no one is expected to be an expert. The emphasis in our study groups is on learning and sharing knowledge and making new friends in a relaxed, friendly environment.



THE AUTUMN, 2008 STUDY GROUP:

'The Dragon & The Tigers —Imperial China & Its Southeast Asian Neighbors'

China and its Southeast Asian neighbors Burma, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia are connected by mountains and rivers, and have a long history of interaction as recorded in Chinese historical literature. Members joining this study group are invited to explore an aspect of the culture, history and art of any one of these ancient kingdoms and the benefits or liabilities of living with a large, powerful and potentially aggressive neighbor on their borders.

An organizational and information meeting with PowerPoint workshop is planned for **Tuesday, 23 September** at The Helena May from 10:15am. Presentations will commence on **Tuesday, 14 October**. Thereafter, meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings (10:15am-12:15pm), at The Helena May, for approximately ten weeks.

To join the Study Group or find out more information please contact the group coordinators at friends_studygroup@yahoo.com. The study group is open to members of The Friends and The Helena May. The fee for participation is \$150.

Day Tours...

LECTURE AND GALLERY TOUR:

"Chinese Textiles: Symbols of Rank, Status & Artistic Merit"

Speaker: **Judith Rutherford**
Date: **Saturday, 27 September, 2008**
Venue: **L1, Institute of Chinese Studies,
The Chinese University of HK**
Time: **10:30am - 12:30pm. Meet 10:00 at Admiralty,
return by 1:15pm***
Cost: **\$190 members; \$220 non-members
(includes transportation)**



During the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), textiles were used not only to denote rank and status but also as currency and tribute items. By the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), regulations and edicts clearly defined the roles textiles took on for court and official uses. Judith Rutherford will examine the fascination of textiles during these times in their own right, as significant works of art, and an artistic endeavour as well as symbols of rank and status. Ms Rutherford will further discuss the attraction textile items held for western collectors in the early 20th century, who appreciated the skills of the artisans who produced them.

At the end of Ms Rutherford's talk she and noted collector Mr. Edwin Mok, will take us through a gallery tour of **Heavenly Splendour: The Edrina Collection of Ming and Qing Imperial Costumes**, a sub-exhibition of 'Timeless Legacy: The Mok Family Collections'. This particular exhibition is staged in Gallery III, the CUHK Art Museum's brand new extension.

*An optional 'dim sum' lunch afterwards at the Shatin Jockey Club, on a shared-cost basis, will be arranged for those are interested.

About our speaker: Judith Rutherford is a specialist in the field of Chinese textiles from the Ming and Qing dynasties. She is president of The Asian Arts Society of Australia (TAASA) and founded the Textile Study Group of TAASA in 1994. She is a Trustee of the Asian Institute of Asian Culture and Visual Arts in Australia. She curated the exhibition, *Celestial Silks: Chinese Religious and Court Textiles*, at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in 2004, and co-authored a catalogue by the same name. In 2008, she was a contributor to the exhibition catalogue, *Elegance of the Qing Court: Reflections of a Dynasty Through its Art*, at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, USA.

Booking and Enquiries: Please send tear sheet & cheque payable to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' to Bonnie Yiu, Flat 3A, 77 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong.
Enquiries: for_yiu@hotmail.com

Lectures...

BEAUTY AND SCIENCE

Speaker: **Professor Tien Chi Chen (陳天機)**
Date: **Thursday, 25 September 2008**
Time: **6:30pm to 8:00pm**
Venue: **The Helena May, 35 Garden Road, Central**
Cost: **\$120 members, \$150 non-members (includes 1 drink)**

For our first lecture of the 2008-2009 season, the Friends is delighted to present Professor Tien-Chi Chen, who will lecture on Beauty and Science discussing, among other topics, the beauty of imperfection (缺陷美) and the beauty of (seeming) irregularity (錯落美). Professor Chen has a passion for sharing the experience gained in his life-long quest for knowledge and we certainly believe that this scholar's lecture will enhance our appreciation of both the scientific and the human pursuit of beauty.

About our speaker: Professor Tien Chi Chen (陳天機) is a University Honorary Fellow and Professor Emeritus of Computer Science and Engineering at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He currently teaches University General Education courses on "The Universe, Knowledge and life" and "Nature and culture." From 1980 to 1988, he served as the Head of United College, CUHK. In recognition of his service in this capacity, the university, in March 2008, honored him with an invitation to participate in the distinguished 'Heads of United College Lecture Series' and he delivered a very well-received address.

Booking and Enquiries: Please send tear sheet and cheque payable to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' to Paul Yu, Lectures Coordinator: 38 Shan Kwong Road, 6/F, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, Tel. 9282-0007, e-mail: paulyupk@netvigator.com

Gallery Group...

THE SUNDARAM TAGORE GALLERY: LEE WAISLER EXHIBIT

Date: **Wednesday, 10 September 2008**
Time: **2:00 pm**
Place: **Sundaram Tagore Gallery, 57-59 Hollywood Road, Central**
Cost: **\$80 members; \$100 non-members**



A renowned U.S. artist, Lee Waisler employs a highly distinctive portraiture style to interpret influential personalities of modern history. The portraits are presented alongside thoughtful abstractions with a multiplicity of forms, textures and perspectives. We are fortunate that the artist will be able to join us.

Booking/Enquiries/To receive e-alerts: e-mail gallerygroup@gmail.com. You may pay at the door by cash or cheque made out to 'Friends of The Art Museum, CUHK Ltd'.

Museum News...

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS:

HEAVENLY HORSES: HORSES IN CHINESE ART

Date: **14 July 2008 – February 2009**
Venue: **Gallery II, Art Museum**



Over the centuries the horse has been a favorite subject of Chinese artists and a rich cultural heritage of depictions of this animal now exists. In celebration of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events in Hong Kong, this exhibition presents horses as they appear in a wide array of art forms and dating from the Warring States and Han periods down to the later dynasties. The exhibits are on loan from local collectors or from the Art Museum's own collection.

TIMELESS LEGACY: THE MOK FAMILY COLLECTIONS

Date: **26 July – November, 2008**
Venue: **Galleries I & III, CUHK Art Museum**

In the 19 century compradors, replacing the thirteen hongts of the early China trade, became the Chinese elite of Hong Kong. They, and the south-to-north traders, were the two dominant forces in the Chinese merchant class and the community leaders. Among the many compradors, the family of Mok Sze Yeung (1820-1879) from Xiangshan, Guangdong was one of the best known, not only for its wealth and influence, but also for maintaining its relationship as the comprador of Swire over several generations. Ever conscious of the responsibility that great wealth and power brings, the Mok family showed concern for the welfare of the community, especially in philanthropic work and education as well as establishing a distinguished tradition of collecting art and antiquities.

This exhibition presents the Mok family collections of three generations in two galleries. Featured in Gallery I paintings, calligraphy, objects for the scholar's studio, ceramics and jades, ancestral furniture and portraits. Gallery III holds the Edrina collection of Ming and Qing imperial costumes. *For details of the Friends' gallery tour of and lecture on this exhibition, please see page 6 of this newsletter.*

THE THRILL OF DIGGING IN HONG KONG

Date: **September, 2008 to July, 2009**
Venue: **Gallery IV, CUHK Art Museum**

Illustrated by artefacts unearthed from excavations in Hong Kong, this exhibition introduces aspects of archaeology and displays the recent research output of the Centre for Chinese Archaeology and Art. Topics include: what is archaeology, archaeology and science, stratigraphy in archaeology, the spread to the south of China's Central Plain Shang culture, and local sites of ancient ornament workshops.

Forthcoming in October...

THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARTS & ANTIQUES FAIR (HKIAAF), 2008

Date: **Saturday—Tuesday, 4-7 October**
Time: **10:00am to 5:00pm**
Venue: **HK Convention and Exhibition Centre, One Expo Drive, Hall 3**

Charity Preview Evening and Grand Opening: Friday, 3 October, 6:00pm—9:30pm

This year, the HKIAAF will host over 80 leading galleries from Asia, Europe and the USA displaying a unique combination of antiques and contemporary art spanning 5,000 years. Once again, the Department of Fine Arts, CUHK will have booth space at the fair. In addition to the department's publications and promotional materials, there will be a display of Friends' cards and paper products. The cards will be offered for sale at rock-bottom prices as we wish to liquidate stock before undertaking any new fund-raising initiatives. We entreat you to seek them out and spend lavishly; all profits will go directly to the Fine Arts Department! For further details, please consult the HKIAAF website: <http://www.aafair.com/> ***Tickets for opening night available from a Board Member.***

FRIENDS' GALLERY TOUR OF SOTHEBY'S AUTUMN 2008 EXHIBITION

Date: **Saturday, 4 October 2008**
Time: **11:00am**
Venue: **HK Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wanchai**
Price: **\$120 members; \$150 non-members** **Limited to 20 people**

We will tour the Contemporary Art exhibition under the guidance of a Sotheby's expert. More details will be available as we approach the exhibition date and you will be notified by e-bulletin.

Enquiries and To Book: to book, please e-mail Coralie Otoshi, otoshis_hk@yahoo.com
You may pay at the door by cheque made out to 'Friends of The Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' or cash (exact change, please!).

ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Date: **Friday/Saturday, October 10—11**
Time: **10:00am to 6:00pm**
Venue: **Annex next to the Bookstore**

This unique fair sells hand-made goods, home-made goodies and paper products produced for the benefit of Hong Kong's many charities. You guessed it, the Friends' will be there and we'll continue to sell off our holiday cards at low, low prices! Don't miss this opportunity to shop early for the holidays.

...Asian Tours

WALK JAPAN - Trip full- waiting list only
28 Oct – 6 November, 2005
10 days / 9 nights

CAMBODIA & HO CHI MINH CITY - Up river from the Mekong Delta to Phnom Penh

Note: Due to changes in the relationship between the code-sharing airlines on this route, deadlines for airline deposits have been brought forward. Early expressions of interest in this trip would be appreciated.

19 – 27 November, 2005
9 days / 8 nights

Experience the bustle of Ho Chi Minh city before we make our way to the Mekong Delta, rice basket of the nation, buzzing with a slow but constant energy, awash with vibrant colour, with nearly every hectare of these fertile silt deposits intensively farmed. We take to the water in a chartered boat for the trip up the Mekong to Phnom Penh and our brush with the darker side of Cambodian history, before moving on to Siem Reap and the wonder of Angkor Wat and the surrounding temples, the highlight of the Khmer civilization and architecture.

In the 8th C, the mighty kingdom of Angkor embraced both the Hindu & Mahayana Buddhist influences from India, building some of the most monumental stone temple structures on earth. While the greatest of these is Angkor Wat, hundreds of other temple sites provide an equally lasting testament to the artistic prowess and religious fervour of this fascinating civilization.

Saturday 19 Nov (HK – Ho Chi Minh)

HK/Ho Chi Minh **CX 767 (9:00a.m. – 10:35 a.m.)** .

Lunch in local restaurant. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Saigon. Visit Notre Dame, the History Museum and a lacquerware factory. We will also explore Chinatown on a cyclo ride & have time for shopping in the Benh Tanh Market. Evening welcome dinner at Vietnam House, well known for its excellent Vietnamese cuisine. Overnight at Majestic Hotel.

Sunday 20 Nov (Ho Chi Minh)

Visit Cu Chi Tunnels (1 hour drive away) – an amazingly complex system of underground tunnels constructed by the Vietcong during the Vietnam war. After lunch in Tay Ninh, drive back to Saigon. Late afternoon shopping along Le Loi Street's art galleries & craft shops. This evening, enjoy a French dinner at L'etoile in a French colonial building. Overnight at Majestic Hotel.

Monday 21 Nov (Ho Chi Minh - Chau Doc)

Drive about 6 hrs from Saigon to Long Xuyen, right in the heart of the Mekong Delta. After lunch at local restaurant, we explore the labyrinth of rivers and tributaries – one moment it is quiet & peaceful deep in the rainforest and the next, bustling with life, boats and floating markets.

Check into Victoria Chau Doc - dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday 22 Nov (Chau Doc – Phnom Penh)

Today, we travel upriver towards the Cambodian border, enjoying more bustling scenes en route. Cross the border and continue journey to Phnom Penh(about 4 hours) On arrival, check into Micasa. Lunch at Friends, the restaurant. Afternoon visit to the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. We will also visit the shop of weaving master – Liv Sa am. Dinner at the Foreign Correspondents' Club followed by a traditional show at Sovanna Phum Theatre from 19:30 to 10:45p.m.

...Asian Tours

Wednesday 23 Nov – (Phnom Penh – Siem Reap)

This morning, we deal with a dark chapter of Cambodian history as we visit sites related to the Khmer regime. Visit the notorious Tuol Sleng Museum, then continue to the Killing Fields, with a memorial for the thousands who died during the regime – a moving sight. Lunch at Khmer Surin. In the afternoon, explore the Russian Market. Transfer to the airport for flight Phnom Penh/Siem Reap **FT 996 (5:50p.m.- 6:35 p.m.)** Transfer to Grand Hotel D'angkor. Dinner at hotel.

Thursday 24 Nov (Siem Reap)

We start with the oldest group of temples – the Roulous Group. Preah Ko (880), Bakong (881) & Lolei temples (893). Then, we move on to Prasat Kravan (921), Srah Srang (about 967), Bantaey Kdei (about 12th century), Pre Rup (961) and Mebon Oriental (952). Lunch at Chez Sophea. Devote the whole afternoon to Angkor Wat itself, including detailed study of the bas reliefs of Hindu mythology & Khmer history. Enjoy sunset in a quiet temple. Dinner at Orientalist.

Friday 25 Nov (Siem Reap)

For the energetic, rise early for sunrise at Angkor Wat! Return to hotel for breakfast. This morning, we explore Angkor Thom, site of the ancient Khmer capital of the Khmer. Visit the South Gate (Late 12th century), Bayon (Late 12th to 13th cenutry), Royal Enclosure (Late 10th to early 11th century), Elephant Terrace (Late 12th century) & the Terrace of Leper King (13th century). Lunch at Dragon Soup in town. This afternoon, we drive about 45 min. to Tonle Sap Lake and enjoy a boat trip on the lake to see the unique and ancient way of life on the water with its floating village. Dinner at Madam Butterfly.

Saturday 26 Nov (Siem Reap)

Another stunning sunrise experience! Drive 1 hour to Bantaey Srei (967), considered by many to be the prettiest temple. En route back, visit Bantaey Samre (12th century). Return to hotel for breakfast. Late morning, you will have time to visit Artisan D'angkor & shop in the Central Market. Lunch at Green House. P.M. visit Preah Khan Temple (where much of Tomb Raiders was filmed) (Late 12th century). Then, on to Ta Prohm (Late 12th to 13 century), which many consider to be the most charming of all the temples. This evening, a special treat as the local folks perform a traditional shadow puppet show using coconut husks. Dinner in Grand Restaurant in hotel.

Sunday 27 Nov (Siem Reap – Ho Chi Minh – HK)

Have a leisurely morning. After lunch at hotel transfer to the airport for flight Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh **VN 826 1:20p.m. – 2: 20p.m.** Ho Chi Minh /HK **VN 762 5:15p.m.- 8:55p.m.**

Trip Cost:

Approx. **HK \$15,990.00** per person (twin sharing), based on 16 participants.

Single surcharge HK \$ 5, 350

Non-member surcharge HK\$ 500.00

Inclusive of:

Airfare as stated plus all airport taxes;

Accommodation on twin share with daily breakfast;

All meals as stated with 1 bottle of non-alcoholic beverages or beer per person per meal;

All tours & transfers in private air-con vehicle;

English speaking guide and all entrance fees;

1 large bottle of mineral water per person per day;

Gratuities for guides and drivers

Price excludes:

Cambodian Visa; Travel insurance;

Personal expenses such as laundry & alcoholic beverages.

...Asian Tours

SRI LANKA - Ancient monuments, Museums, Temples & Spice gardens

28 JAN – 6 Feb, 2006. (Chinese New Year)
10 days / 9 nights

Ceylon, Serendipity, call it what you may, this fertile island is home to diverse peoples resulting in a kaleidoscopic variety of cultures that reflect some of the influences which reached these shores over the centuries, including Arab, Portugese, Malay, Dutch and S. Indian. With more legends than it can comfortably accommodate; the remnants of an ancient civilization and food which is a culinary delight, it is an island well worth visiting.

Join us as we visit **Anuradhapura**, ancient city of the Sinhala kings, where Buddhism was first introduced to the island in the 3rd C BC. Explore the ruins of **Sigirya**, a 5th C fortress atop a rock outcrop. Wander among the ruins of the city of **Polonnaruwa**, with its 12th C stone sculptures, bas-reliefs & friezes, then see the caves at **Dambulla** reflecting the epic struggles of Buddha against evil; **Kandy**, last seat of the Sinhala kings, renowned for its Temple of the Tooth, then on to the **Hill Country** to hike or relax before returning to **Colombo** to see the National Museum.

Saturday, 28 Jan (HK – Colombo)
HK/Col **UL 423 (via Bangkok) (6:25p.m. – 11:30 p.m.)**
On arrival, transfer to hotel in Negombo, close to airport.

Sunday, 29 Jan (Negombo – Dambulla)
After early breakfast, leave for Dambulla, stopping en route at the Elephant Orphanage. Proceed to Dambulla Buddhist Cave Temples - a vast isolated rock mass with 5 caves in which King Valagambahu sheltered during his 14-year exile from Anuradhapura. On regaining the throne in the 1st C BC, he had the interiors carved into magnificent temples. Check in at Kandalama Hotel.

Monday, 30 Jan (Dambulla – Anuradhapura – Dambulla)
Drive to Anuradhapura (380 BC), stopping en route to see the Aukana Buddha. The city's greatest treasures are its hemispherical dagobas, constructed of small sun-dried bricks – it's most renowned relic, the sacred Bo-Tree. Lunch and dinner at local restaurants. Overnight at Kandalama Hotel.

Tuesday, 31 Jan (Dambulla – Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa)
This morning we climb to Sigiriya Rock Fortress (5th C) - perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island as it rises almost sheer to a height of 500ft. Lunch at local restaurant. This afternoon we visit Polonnaruwa, capital of Sri Lanka from 11th - 13th C. Lankatileke, Tivanka and Thuparama are the largest and most beautiful shrine ruins while Tivanka has the best example of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. Dinner and overnight at Kandalma hotel.

Wednesday, 1 Feb (Dambulla – Kandy)
Drive to Kandy, en route visiting Spice Gardens at Matale. After lunch, city tour of Kandy, the hill capital and visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. The city is an example of Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today and abounds with temples, shrines & monasteries. Evening cultural show featuring various Sri Lankan dance types. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Suisse.

Thursday 2 Feb (Kandy - Nuwara Eliya)
Drive to Nuwara Eliya, visiting a tea plantation and factory en route. Reputed to be one of the coldest places on the island, it is much like an English spring day, although the temperature drops at night. Lunch at Ranboda Falls restaurant. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at St.Andrew's.

...Asian Tours

Friday 3 Feb (Horton Plains)

Early morning hiking in Horton Plains National Park. Its unique flora harbours 52 species of resident birds & 11 species of migrant birds, as well as deer, Bear monkey, Leopard, Wild boar & many other animal species. This is the only Park where visitors may walk on their own on the designated tracks. Packed lunch provided. Dinner and overnight at St. Andrew's Hotel.

Saturday 4 Feb (Nuwara Eliya - Colombo)

Drive to Colombo. Lunch at Barefoot restaurant. Afternoon free for shopping in town - visit the Mlesna exquisite tea boutique, cashew nut shop, Majestic City & Liberty Plaza. Dinner and overnight at Colombo Hilton.

Sunday 5 Feb (Colombo)

City tour of Colombo visit the NATIONAL MUSEUM. Drive through Fort, Pettah & the Cinnamon Gardens. See the Hindu Temple at Sea Street lined with goldsmith's shops, the Dutch Church at Wolfendaal dating back to 1749, the historic Davatagaha Mosque & Independence Hall. Lunch at local restaurant. Farewell dinner at The Gallery. Overnight at Colombo Hilton.

Monday 6 Feb (Colombo / HK)

Early drive Colombo to airport for flight Col /HK **UL 422 (via Bangkok) (7:45a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Trip Cost:

Approx. **HK \$13,100.00** per person (twin sharing), based on 16 participants.

Single surcharge HK\$ 2,790.00

Non-member surcharge HK\$ 500.00

Inclusive of:

HK-Colombo-HK Sri Lankan Airline economy ticket

9 nights hotel accommodation on twin share with breakfast

All meals as per itinerary with first drink - water or soft drink. No beer provided.

Sightseeing tours with English speaking guide in 35-seater coach.

All site entrance fees.

Gratuities to local guide and driver. & portage.

Round trip airport transfers in Colombo

Airport tax, Hong Kong security fee and airline fuel surcharge

Price excludes:

Travel insurance; No visa required

Personal & other expenses such as laundry & bar bills

VIETNAM – Historical Hanoi, Hue & Hoi An

25 Feb – 2 Mar, 2006.

6 days / 5 nights

Join us as we experience both the charm & chaos of Hanoi, before departing to central Vietnam to explore the remnants of the ancient Cham civilization at My Son in the company of Prof Cao Xuan Pho who will also escort us through the wonderful Cham Museum in Danang.

Hue and Hoi An, both World Heritage sites, offer insights into the more recent history of Vietnam. Hue, capital of Vietnam from 1802–1945 under the Nguyen Dynasty provides many regal remnants from this time. Hoi An, an old port with its fusion architecture, is a charming place to wander around. Our walking tour will be guided by Mr. Tran Van Nhan, vice director of Hoi An culture and information centre. This trip promises to be a visual delight as well, as we experience the mountains, beautiful beaches and patchwork of rice-paddies dealt this country by nature.

...Asian Tours

Saturday 25 Feb (HK - Hanoi)

HK/Hanoi **VN 793 (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)**

Transfer to Metropole hotel. Start with a visit to Temple of Literature followed by lunch in a local Fish Restaurant. Afternoon walking tour of Old Hanoi. Evening Water Puppet Show before welcome dinner at Emperor Restaurant - great authentic Vietnamese cuisine in a French colonial villa.

Sunday 26 Feb (Hanoi)

This morning we visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Former Residence. Then walk through the French quarter to Museum of Fine Arts to appreciate the development of Vietnamese art through its history from the Cham period, Chinese imperial, French, American influence to today. Lunch at Brother's Café. The afternoon is set aside for optional visit to art galleries & local artists. This evening we will enjoy a French dinner in the historical Press Club. Overnight at Metropole Hotel.

Monday 27 Feb (Hanoi - Hue)

For the energetic, rise early to walk around Hoem Kiem Lake (near hotel) where locals practise Taichi or visit one of the morning markets. Return to hotel for late breakfast.

Transfer to airport for flight Hanoi/Hue **VN 245 (12:40p.m. – 1:50p.m.)**

Hue, capital of Imperial Vietnam and rated by many as the most beautiful city of the country. Fortified with packed snacks, we will visit the Citadel, Forbidden City and Tu Duc Mausoleum. Dinner at Tinh Gia Vien owned and run by a member of former Royal family. Overnight at La Residence de Hue.

Tuesday 28 Feb (Hue – Hoi An)

Morning cruise on the Perfume River visiting Tien Mu Pagoda and Minh Mah Mausoleum. Lunch on board. This afternoon we drive 2½ hours to Hoi An, en route visiting the excellent Cham Museum. Late afternoon, ascend Marble Mountain to see a Buddhist cave and wonderful views of area. Also, visit China Beach. Check into Victoria Hoi An for 2 nights. Dinner at hotel.

Wednesday 1 Mar (Hoi An)

This morning we drive 1½ hrs to My Son, one of the most important Cham religious sites in the country, set amongst lovely hills. After lunch, we enjoy a guided walking tour of Hoi An. This evening, a farewell dinner at Brother's café. Overnight at Victoria Hoi An.

Thursday 2 Mar (Hoi An/ Hanoi/ HK/)

Morning at leisure in Hoi An. After lunch at hotel, transfer to airport for flight

Danang/Hanoi **VN 314 (2:20p.m. - 3:30p.m.)** Transfer to town for some shopping (bags will be pre-checked in, subject to latest security situation) before returning to the airport for flight Hanoi/HK **VN 792 (7:10p.m. – 10:00p.m.)**

Trip Cost:

Approx. **HK \$11,100.00** per person (twin sharing), based on 16 participants.

Single surcharge HK \$ 2,580

Non-member surcharge HK\$ 500.00

Inclusive of:

Airfare HK/Hanoi/Hue, Danang/Hanoi/HK by Vietnam Air economy class;

All airport taxes;

Accommodation on twin share basis;

All meals as stated. Lunches & dinners include 1 bottle non-alcoholic beverage or local beer pp per day;

All tours & transfers on private air-con bus with 1 large bottle of mineral water per person per day;

All entrance fees

...Asian Tours

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Price excludes :

Vietnamese Visa;
Personal expenses such as laundry and bar bills.

UPCOMING TRIPS IN 2006

UZBEKISTAN - Central Asia - mid April, Easter

Madrassahs, Bazaars, Bokhara and the call of the Golden Road to Samarkand..... oases along the Ancient Silk Road.

YUNNAN - Western China - late May. Lijiang, Tiger-leaping Gorge, then up to the Tibetan plateau to Gyalthang to observe the arrival of spring.

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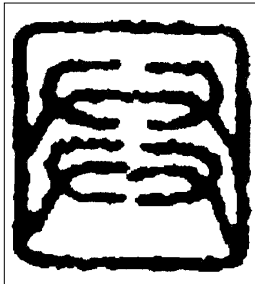
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