

程，而原來的海岸線也因而產生巨大的變化，不過，藉着一些有關不同時期的填海區域的地圖和填海計劃及工程圖，我們便可了解箇中的變化（如編號4、138、163）。此外，檔案處也藏有一些有關修建香港沿岸堤壩的地圖。以港島北面的堤壩為例，對照一幅平面圖（編號146）和另一幅（編號153）後，便可以知道該在1867年颱風吹襲後的損壞情況，以及其後在1890至1904年所興建的堤壩的模樣，而有關較近期的香港海岸圖，則有地下鐵路公司捐贈的數幅海港沿岸地圖（編號207至207a）。這些有關不同時期的填海區域的地圖和填海計劃及工程圖，對於我們研究香港填海工程之發展及香港海岸線的變化，幫助很大。

#### 五、市區發展與地段標示圖：

檔案處的地圖藏品中，有很多是個別鄉村或區域之地圖，包括有大角咀（編號37）、旺角（編號

38）、土瓜灣（編號39）、荔枝角（編號234）、香港仔（編號6-12）、長洲（編號62）等地區。這些地區在經過都市化和工業化的洗禮後，現在已經喪失了原有之鄉村格局，變成為市區或人口密集的区域。不過，我們透過這些地圖，仍可找到昔日這些地區的一鱗半爪。

#### 六、建築物平面圖：

檔案處的地圖收藏中，有不少是一些歷史建築物的平面圖，譬如港督府、最高法院、域多利監獄、香港大學、中央郵局、警察總部等。這些建築物的平面圖，可以讓我們知道這些已拆掉或經過改建的歷史建築物的原貌。

顯而易見，如果學者可以在使用文字類檔案或資料的同時，亦兼及使用地圖類資料，相信對他們的研究會裨益莫大。

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## Asian Business History Centre, The University of Queensland

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### Introduction

The Asian Business History Centre of the University of Queensland was established in November 1996 in recognition of the growing interest in the business traditions of Asia. Its primary aim is to strengthen links with international research centres as well as with the business community in both Australia and Asia. Moreover, the Centre will help the Australian business community to understand the Asian way of doing business.

The Centre is a cooperative venture involving academics from the University of Queensland and other major research universities. It brings together historians, economists and sociologists who have undertaken a wide range of research projects examining aspects of the business culture of East Asia. Although the Centre is a newly established institute, several international eminent business historians are already affiliated with it.

### Publications

The Centre is currently sponsoring an electronic journal the *Journal of Chinese Cultural History*, and proposes to develop the following publications: Papers on Overseas Chinese, trade, business networks and emigration, East Asian Business History discussion paper, and Asian Business History Series. The Centre's Associates serve on the editorial board of the centre's publications.

### Collections

The Centre collects research materials related to Asian business history studies. A total number of 120 pieces of optical disks of Chinese archives and 30 volumes of the Title Deeds Files of Shanghai are in order. Other materials currently available in the Centre include *Queensland Asian Business Weekly*, *World News*, Library Holdings on Asian Business History, publications of Centre associates, and newsletters from major research centres.

### Affiliates

The Centre has three types of Associates: (1) Research Associates: including scholars in the field; (2) Corporate Associates: including representatives from the local business community; and (3) Student Associates: including graduates and advanced students in Asian Business History.

### Projects and Activities

A particular strength among the researches conducted by staff associated with the Asian Business History Centre is Shanghai studies. They also supervise theses on Asian Business History in particular, and the economic history of Asia in general. Other areas of interest include Australian-Chinese relations, Japanese Technology

and the economic organisation of South East Asia.

Research projects currently conducted by the Centre Associates include: (1) Ming-Ch'ing Economic history; (2) Business in Shanghai: Past & Present; (3) Risk and Chance in Modern China; (4) Australian-Chinese Business Networks; and (5) Japanese Technology.

The Centre runs a series of public lectures on the overseas Chinese and Chinese Intellectual History with the Asian Languages Department. The Centre will also run occasional conferences or series of workshop on Business in Shanghai. Conference and lectures series run by the Centre in the years 1996-97 include:

#### (1) Business in Shanghai: Past and Present Conference (March 1997)

The conference was attended by a forum of scholars from around the globe. Topics covered include department stores, banking, stock market, technology transfer & commercial culture, contemporary Shanghai enterprises, and Shanghai capitalists in overseas trade. A conference volume is going to be published.

#### (2) Asian Business History Lecture Series (Semester II 1997)

#### (3) Chinese Intellectual History Lecture Series (March 1996 - May 1997)

#### (4) The Overseas Chinese Seminars (Semester II 1996 - Semester I 1998)

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