

## Recent Books of Cambodia – February 2009

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### Archaeology

The Excavation of Noen U-Loke and Non Muang Kao (CD Included) / W E Boyd, N Chang, J Chetwin et al  
Bangkok: The Thai Fine Arts Department, 2007  
xxiii. 631p,; 30cm  
ISBN-13: 9789744178237(HB)

1. Excavations (Archaeology)—Thailand  
The Origins of the Civilization of Angkor Volume II  
\$ 195.00  
**ID: 105439**

Noen U-Loke and Non Muang Kao are two large, moated prehistoric settlements in Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Northeast Thailand. Excavations in 1997-8 revealed a cultural sequence that began in the late Bronze Age, followed by four mortuary phases covering the Iron Age. This report describes the palaeo-environment, excavation, chronology and material culture, human remains and social structure of the prehistoric inhabitants of these two sites. It is the second volume reporting on the research programme "The Origins of the Civilization of Angkor".

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### History

Murder and Mayhem in Seventeenth-Century Cambodia: Anthony van Diemen vs. King Ramadhipati 1 / Alfons Van Der Kraan  
Chiang Mai: Sikworm Books, 2009  
vii. 79p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789749511626  
\$ 15.80

Murder and Mayhem in Seventeenth-Century Cambodia tells the fascinating story of the origins, course, and consequences of the conflict in the 1630s and 1640s between Cambodia and the Dutch East India Company (VOC), a confrontation that has the dubious distinction of being history's first between a mainland Southeast Asian state and a European power. Apart from its appeal as an extraordinary tale in its own right, this historical narrative affords a rare glimpse into a largely unknown period in Cambodian history, namely, the period between the fall of Angkor in the mid-fifteenth century and the arrival of the French in the late nineteenth century.

Based for the most part on unpublished Dutch archival sources, this monograph examines the relations between Cambodia and the Dutch East India Company over the years 1636 to 1645. It considers what led Anthony van Diemen, the newly

appointed Dutch Governor-General at Batavia (present-day Jakarta), in 1636, to establish a new trading post in Cambodia and the concurrent rise to power of King Ramadhipati 1. It examines the deterioration of relations between the king and Van Diemen and the circumstances that may have led the king to order the wholesale massacre of the Dutch embassy to Cambodia. The book recounts the preparations for the punitive 1644 military expedition in alliance with Siam and narrates the course of the expedition. Based on a rare contemporary map drawn on Japanese rice paper, it reconstructs the battle of June 12, 1644, at Phnom Penh. In closing, the author speculates on what might have happened if Van Diemen had not died prematurely in 1645.

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### **Politics**

Cambodia National Assembly Election 2008 / Hana Krupanska & Marc Livsey  
Bangkok: The Asian Network for Free Election (ANFREL), 2008  
90p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789743622953  
\$ 15.00

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### **Official Publications**

Statistical Yearbook of Cambodia 2008  
8<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Phnom Penh: National Institute of Statistics, 2008  
368p,; 30cm  
\$ 80.00

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Programme of Work on Protected Areas 2008  
Phnom Penh: Secretariat of the National Biodiversity and Biosafety Steering Committee  
28p,; 30cm  
Bilingual Khmer & English  
\$ 7.00

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Cambodia Yellow Pages 2008 – 2009  
Phnom Penh: Interquess Enterprises, 2008  
680p,; 26cm  
\$ 5.00

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