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Anthropology/Archaeology

Srivijaya Routes: The Greatest Trade Networks in Ancient Southeast Asia / Keatkhamjorn Meekanon
Bangkok: White Lotus Co., Ltd., 2023
xiv, 162p.
Includes Index
9789747534320
\$ 18.00 / PB
236gm.

Srivijaya: The Greatest Trade Networks in Ancient Southeast Asia is a scholarly analysis of existing knowledge with all the Chinese quotes, also in a unified Chinese script which most other works do not show. The Books covers the following topics and present a wealth of sources. A treasure trove for further studies:

Chapter 1: Srivijaya Confederation.

Chapter 2: Pre-Srivijaya: Maritime Trade Network in The South Seas.

Chapter 3: The Sri Jayanasa: The Foundation of Srivijaya's Trade Network .

Chapter 4: The Early Shailendra The Expansion of the South Seas Trade Network.

Chapter 5: The Mid-Shailendra: The Secession of Javanese City States.

Chapter 6: The Late Shailendra: Chola Invasion and Influence.

Chapter 7: The Mauli: The Last-ditch Restoration of South Seas Trade Network.

Chapter 8: Conclusion.

It also has a reference to the Hanse, the Baltic trade network

Appendix: Chinese Emperors contemporaneous with Srivijaya Illustrated with maps showing the sea routes at different times and areas

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Economics

Vietnam – Asia's Rising Star : The Drivers Behind the World's Most Exciting Growth Story / Brook Taylor & Sam Korsmoe
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2023
xx, 228p. ; 15x23cm.
Includes Index
9786162152016
\$ 39.00 / PB
348gm.

For more than 25 years, Vietnam has been one of the most dynamic countries in the world in terms of GDP growth, trade, investment, and other business metrics. The key question is whether or not

the country can continue this growth for another 25 years. If it can, Vietnam will become a high-income country like South Korea and Taiwan, the original Tiger Economies of Asia. Engaging in conversations about Vietnam's future is challenging. Locals are often too focused on the present while foreigners are caught up in legacy and political issues of the past. Many observers also focus on the short term, a specific economic metric, or inevitably Vietnam's political system without considering the big picture or recognizing long term trends. The authors researched and analyzed a broad range of drivers to assess a possible future for Vietnam, and Vietnam – Asia's Rising Star is the result of these efforts.

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History

Lao Prints and Photos / Diethard Ande
Bangkok: White Lotus Co., Ltd., 2023
vi, 154p. ; illus. in B & W, 210x300mm.
InEnglish & French
9789747534153
\$ 46.00 / PB
570gm.

Lao Prints covers mainly prints and photos which were not used as postcards. It gives a wider angle of photos taken in Laos after mid 19 century. If the French had not attacked and conquered the countries later called French Indochina there would have been hardly any records about Laos. Therefore, we have to be grateful to the different French explorers and administrators to leave us many early views of Laos. It also contains some maps, real photos, share certificates of companies working in LAOS. Included are prints from Siam and the French attack on Siam in 1893 as Siam was the suzerain of Laos and the French could not take over Laos and Cambodia without first defeating Siam and forcing Siam to cede territories to France. That the French could not take more Siamese territory as they did was due to the refusal of the other big colonial empire of the UK to allow it.

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Cochinchina and Cambodia Postcards by La Pagode / Diethard Ande
Bangkok: White Lotus Co., Ltd., 2023
vi, 188p. ; illus. in B & W, 210x300mm.
9789748496979
Old Postcards Series, Vol. 11 : La Pagode
\$ 46.00 / PB
664gm.

Postcards by La Pagode on Cochinchina and Cambodia is volume II of the Old Postcard Series. In volume 3 only the La Pagode postcards of Laos were presented besides some other Lao Postcards. This volume completes the work of the 374 postcards showing the cards of the other two French Indochina provinces or at least as many as I could find so far.

La Pagode was a brand name of Decoly.

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Cochinchina and Cambodia Postcards by Decoly / Diethard Ande
Bangkok: White Lotus Co., Ltd., 2023
vi, 211p. ; illus. in B & W, 210x300mm.
9789748496269
Old Postcards Series, Vol. 12 : Decoly

\$ 46.00 / PB
798gm.

Decoly Postcards of Cambodia & Cochinchina is volume 12. It is a continuation of vol. 5 of this series which was dealing with his Lao Postcards. Decoly was one of the active postcard producers of French Indochina, but not a photographer. Here we are showing his postcards under the Decoly brand and logo as well as some of his earlier cards under A.F.D. brand. His cards under the brand of La Pagode are covered in volume 11. The cards are starting with Saigon/Cholon and Cochinchina area and then Cambodia including a section on Angkor. His cards are numbered initially by area. Later he added cards randomly. Some cards have two numbers; the overall series number and another one for a separate series like Voyage de S.M. Sisowath to Angkor and other topics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858414>

Official Publications

Thailand: Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2022 : Survey Findings Report
Bangkok: NSO-National Statistical Office, 2023

1v.

USD 90.00 / PB

1016gm.

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