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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL DINNER

Please note that the 45th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 9th April, not 8th April, as announced in the January newsletter. AGM documents are being sent together with this newsletter, together with a Booking Form for the Annual Dinner.

The Annual General Meeting is the most important event in our Society's calendar year and has always been a popular occasion. We warmly encourage everyone to attend. Please read the separate AGM packet carefully for all details, and also be considering whom you may wish to nominate for election to Council.

It is important to observe the Hong Kong Club's dress code which requires that gentlemen wear a tie. No jeans, any garment in denim or trainers are allowed. Also note that the event will be booked in the name of Hong Kong Club member Mr. David Holdsworth.

RECENT LECTURES

To whet the appetite of those interested in travelling along part of Japan's famed Nakasendo highway, the highway through the mountains, **Dr Tom Stanley** of the History Department of the University of Hong Kong spoke to the Society at Central Library in Causeway Bay on 14th January 2005. Dr Stanley will be leading an RAS group to Japan later this year, 22nd to 29th October. In a very interesting talk about the history of the highway and what participants will see and experience, Dr Stanley used slides of old maps, prints, photographs and modern photographs to illustrate his talk.

Dr Stanley explained that the Nakasendo highway, developed to link Kyoto and Edo (modern Tokyo), was built along ridges of the Japan Alps rather than in swampy valleys. Unlike the other famous highway, the Tokaido, the Nakasendo was built inland, away from the more dangerous seacoast. The highway was at its busiest from the 1600s to the mid-1800s during the Tokugawa period, with officials, pilgrims and businessmen as well as soldiers using the highway and thus requiring food and lodging. Travel in Japan is about “walking and eating”, and every locale has a food specialty.

For the RAS trip, which will take place at the height of the autumn foliage, the first four days will feature easy walks with overnights at traditional Japanese inns and then the last few days in Kyoto. Details will be given in a later Newsletter...but mark the dates on your calendars now. This is certain to be a popular trip.

On 28th January 2005, more than 50 members attended a talk at City Hall given by **Dr Lauren Pfister**, Associate Professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Hong Kong Baptist University. The title of the talk was “Hidden Treasures Found in the Shadow of Lion Rock: James Legge’s Startling Discoveries about Chinese History, Religions and Philosophies”. Suitably attired in a black “Sun Yat-sen suit”, Dr Pfister gave a lively and animated talk illustrated with overhead transparencies about James Legge, (1815-1897), a missionary and monumental figure in 19th Century European sinology. The contents of this interesting talk were covered in our previous Newsletter

On 29th January a group of over thirty Members and their guests travelled to Sai Kung for an interesting day's trip lead by our President, **Dr Patrick Hase**. The group first of all visited Sai Kung Market, noting the layers of reclamation on which the town is mostly built, and exploring the narrow alleys and streets of the town. The history of the town and district were briefly explained by Dr. Hase. The party then visited the Tin Hau Temple on the edge of the town, originally built overlooking the town anchorage, but, since reclamation, now standing beside a car-park. The United States Navy Bell hanging in the temple was seen, and it was explained that this may well be a relic of the building of Hiram's Highway immediately after the War. The side-altars, dedicated to all the town Earthgods were also noted: it was explained that this was a unique ritual phenomenon in Hong Kong. After leaving this fine temple, the party went to lunch. A Pun Tsoi (Basin Meal) was taken in one of the market restaurants, and this was much enjoyed by the participants. After lunch the party took a boat across to Yim Tin Tsai, to visit the Catholic church of St. Joseph. This is the oldest surviving Catholic church in Hong Kong, and has recently been immaculately restored by the Diocese. While there a brief talk was given on the evangelisation of the Sai Kung area, the career of St. Joseph Freinandementz, and his time in Sai Kung. By sheer chance, our visit coincided with St. Joseph's Feastday; a lucky chance while visiting the church he founded! Our president, seized with a desire to see the old salt-pans at Yim Tin Tsai more closely, then led the party through bush and brake, and out over rotten wooden walkways and up treacherous mud-banks, into and across the salt-pans. Luckily, no-one was left hanging on thorn-bushes, or precipitated into the mud, although more by luck than judgement! And so back to Sai Kung, although not without incident, as the boat broke down in thick mist, leaving us drifting for nearly an hour until a boat arrived to tow us in! It was fun listening to the tow-boat trying to find us in the fog by sounding its fog-horn, and steering for the sound of ours! A great day in all, and an interesting one!

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Friday, 18 th March	Lecture	“My Hong Kong”
Saturday, April 16 th	City Hall lecture	Hong Kong’s Heritage: Central Police Station Compound
Friday, 29 th April	City Hall lecture	Stories from a Magistrate's Court in 19th Century Hong Kong
April 2006	Study Tour	Proposed trip to Yunnan and Tibet

Public Lecture

Friday, 18th March

“My Hong Kong”

In this lecture Eric Peter Ho will discuss selected highlights of his time in the Hong Kong Government from 1950 until 1991. Mr. Ho is a member of one of Hong Kong’s longest established Eurasian families, and was one of the first local entrants recruited into the Administrative grades of the Hong Kong Government after the Second World War. Among numerous other posts, he also served as Secretary for Social Services, Secretary for Trade and Industry and the Chairman of the Public Service Commission. For those interested in knowing more about how the Hong Kong Government functioned during this period, this lecture will provide a wealth of fascinating detail.

Eric Peter Ho, BA (HKU), CBE, began his career in the Hong Kong service in 1950. From 1977 to 1987, he was a member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, and, from 1985 to 1987, the Executive Council.

There will be a self-paying dinner afterwards at the Moon Koon Restaurant, adjacent to the Racing Museum.

Speaker: Eric Peter Ho, CBE
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Museum, Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley
Cost: This lecture is free and open to the public
Booking: No booking is required

City Hall Lecture

Saturday, April 16th

Hong Kong’s Heritage: Central Police Station Compound

The highly successful visit organized by the Oriental Ceramics Society to the Central Police Station and the former Central Magistracy earlier in February prompted requests for a follow-up lecture by Alex Hui Yat-chuen. During the visit, we were unable to access the Victoria Prison Compound which is still operational but, with the assistance of the Central Western District Council, the Immigration Department and photographer Ernest Goh, hundreds of photographs of the Victoria Prison Compound were taken over a three hour session.

The Central Police Station Compound, a total of 17 historic buildings built at various times in 1864, 1914 and 1919, was declared a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance in 1995. To provide an architectural story of the site, Alex Hui will survey the development of architectural languages in the industrialized world of the 19th century and their relation to Hong

Kong's early urban landscape. Alex will use both recent and old photographs (including those of the Prison) and maps to indicate the architectural style and state of preservation of the buildings. There will be time for audience participation to discover how the historic compound encapsulates an architectural language unique to the cultural history of Hong Kong.

Alexander Hui Yat-chuen is an architect with an interest in historical conservation and is currently a curator (education) with the Hong Kong University and Art Gallery.

This event is organized jointly with the Oriental Ceramics Society. A large attendance is expected and so early arrival is recommended. **Also, please note this is an afternoon event.**

Speaker: Alex Hui Yat-chuen
Time: 2.30-4.00pm
Venue: Extension Activities Room, 8/F, City Hall High Block
Cost: The lecture is free and members of the public are invited
Booking: No booking is required

City Hall lecture

Friday, April 29th

Stories from a Magistrate's Court in 19th Century Hong Kong

Courtrooms see a world most of us rarely glimpse. Triad leaders and pirates, prostitutes and gold-diggers; people of many nationalities: all appeared before the Honourable Frederick Stewart, MA, LL.D, founder of Hong Kong Government Education, when a magistrate in the 1880's. Gillian and Verner Bickley will draw on extensive original research for the new book, *A Magistrate's Court in 19th Century Hong Kong: Court in Time*, to be distributed by Chinese University Press, with fresh and fascinating contributions by six writers, including four members of the Royal Asiatic Society, Hong Kong Branch.

Dr Gillian Bickley is the author/editor of several works on Hong Kong history. Dr Verner Bickley is Chairman of the English Speaking Union (Hong Kong).

Speakers: Drs. Gillian and Verner Bickley
Time: 6.15pm
Venue: Extension Activities Room, 8/F, City Hall High Block
Cost: The lecture is free and members of the public are invited
Booking: No booking is required

Trip to Sabah : Cancellation

The planned trip to Sabah from 22nd April to 1st May has unfortunately had to be cancelled. Regrettably, the organiser received insufficient commitments of interest from Members within the timeframe stipulated to make the programme viable at this time.

It is hoped that a similar visit to northern Borneo can be offered to the Society at some time in the future. Those Members who submitted firm commitments of interest in this trip have been individually notified of this situation.

Proposed Study Tour to Tibet, Easter 2006

The Society is considering mounting a 15-day study tour to Yunnan and Tibet next year, to be led by Dr Brian Shaw. This is of rather longer duration than most of our visits, but we are including a lot of places of great historical and religious interest, and would like to gauge initial reactions to the proposal. We propose to go in via Yunnan and spend a few interesting days there to allow a measured acclimatisation to altitude. The visit promises to be of exceptional interest, although only adults in good health should consider taking part, in view of the altitudes.

The number of visitors to Lhasa is growing significantly every year. The visit is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday 04 April-Tuesday 18 April 2006**. (Ching Ming holiday is 05 April as usual; Easter Sunday is 16 April.) By travelling in early-mid April we hope to avoid excessive pressure on accommodations from seasonal internal travellers and foreign tourists, yet avoid the worst of the winter chill.

In very broad summary, the outline itinerary has our group flying from Hong Kong by Dragon Air to Kunming, thence to Lijiang 2400m (to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Cultural site "Lijiang Old Town", centre of the Naxi people), visiting Jade Dragon (Yulong) Snow Mountain and the upland Yunshan Spruce Meadow by cable car. Then, after viewing the Yufeng temple, Baisha fresco, and village of Longquan, we go by road to Zhongdian (aka Shangrila) 3334m, via Tiger-Leaping Gorge (visiting Shigu en route at the "first bend in the Yangtse river") and the white-water terraces at Sanba. At Shangrila we visit the Ganden Songzanglin (Sungtseling) monastery. (Shangrila is the capital of the Diqing (Dechen) Tibetan Autonomous prefecture in NW Yunnan.) After a direct flight (China Southern) from Gyelthang Shangrila airport to Gonggar (Lhasa airport), we will move roughly clockwise to Tsetang and sites in the Yarlung valley : the tombs of the Tibetan kings, Yumbu lhakhang, Traduk temple, and - if time permits - a side trip to Samye monastery. Thence to Drathang monastery, the blue Yamdrok Yu tso (via Koro (Khari) la 5045m), Norjing Gang Sang glacier, to Gyantse 3950m; visit Palchor Chode monastery, including the Kumbum and local fort; Shalu Monastery en route to Shigatse 3900m and Tashilhunpo monastery; thence to Sakya monastery 4280m and Shekar 4800m; day trip to Rombuk monastery 5030m and Everest Base Camp 5090m ; then an early-morning start for the run down from Shekar to Lhasa 3858m (via Shigatse). In the provincial capital we plan to visit the Potala, Sera Monastery, the Jokhang temple and Barkhor market, the Tibet Museum, Drepung monastery, the summer palace at Norbulingka, and other places of interest, including a day trip to the rebuilt Ganden monastic complex. On the 15th day, we will fly to Chengdu to connect with our return flight (China Southern) to Hong Kong.

We expect that transport will be in one or more comfortable bus/es, with baggage travelling separately. We will have local guides. Costs should be about HK\$15,000 per member for the entire journey *including* comprehensive insurance (but as usual *excluding* airport charges, fuel surcharges, and personal expenses): the detailed itinerary and final costing will be confirmed later. Accommodation will be on "best available" basis; in Lhasa we will stay at a comfortable three-star hotel near the Jokhang.

Members who have interest in principle are asked to send a brief email directly to Dr Shaw at bcjshaw@hkucc.hku.hk, giving full name (as in current passport), age and local contact details. A detailed notice will be included in a newsletter later in the year (probably in September) inviting members to secure a place by paying a deposit.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Xanadu: Encounters with China

The National Library of Australia's recent exhibition, *Xanadu: Encounters with China*, drew on the Library's Asian collections (<http://nla.gov.au/asian>). Now comprising half a million items, the collections originated forty or so years ago with two acquisitions: the entire library, 4000 volumes, of W.P. Yetts, former Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology in the University of London, and 700 books and other materials in Chinese from the London Missionary Society's collection.

Focussing on how China has been perceived by Western observers, *Xanadu* gave a tantalising glimpse of the Library's antique maps, rare books, manuscripts, personal diaries, sketches, paintings and photographs. It was a rare opportunity to see the priceless World Map, c. 1674, prepared in Beijing by Ferdinand Verbiest. Now fragile and faded, this consists of two hemispheres, printed on silk from wood blocks, each 141.5 cm by 143 cm in diameter. The maps must have been a talking point in the Emperor's Court, because they 'put the Middle Kingdom in its place' in a world-wide geographical context.

A large 'Chinese plan of the City of Peking' (1843) brought pre-modern Beijing to life. Among many details in Chinese and English, it showed the location, not far north of the Imperial Palace, of 'manufactories' of Silk Caps, of Oil and Varnish, and of Fireworks. The 'Foreign Office' is shown located right next to a 'Foetid Water Ditch'. Outside the palace walls, 'hootungs' huddle close to palaces.

Occupying much of one wall was a 'Map of the City and the Entire Suburbs of Canton' (1860). It showed the 'Manchu Quarter' in the west of the old walled city, and the walled 'New City' to the south. Outside the walls were located various institutions such as a Home of Aged Females and a Blind Men's Home – and, chillingly, the 'Burial Place of Criminals'.

Particularly impressive were eight magnificent pencil sketches made in China in 1921 by the Australian architect Hardy Wilson, featuring traditional architecture and statuary (see, for example, *Phoenix and Cedar at Peking*, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an2772622>). Other of Wilson's sketches from his book *Grecian and Chinese Architecture*, 1937, are also available on the web.

A sketch made in 1873 by a Royal Naval officer reminded RAS(HK) correspondents Elizabeth and David Teather of an RAS trip a few years ago to the Tung Chung Battery on Lantau Island. Lieut. Norcock had pencilled the comment: 'The Bogue Forts destroyed by the English in 1842-57'. He had pencilled huge cannon lying on their sides within stone fortifications through which were glimpses of the Pearl River.

Among the many rare books was an early edition of the account by the Australian, George Ernest Morrison, of his 1894 walking tour across China to Rangoon. But perhaps the book that might be the most intriguing is that by Princess Der Ling: *Two Years in the Forbidden City by the First Lady in Waiting to the Empress Dowager* (1911). The Princess had a Western education, and her book is an account of her personal experience of this unique interface between the traditional and modern.

A copy of the exhibition's brief catalogue has been lodged with the RAS Library in Hong Kong. Canberra is also home to the Australian National University and the University of Canberra, both of which have strong Asian links and – especially where the former is concerned – important Asian resources. RAS members who visit Canberra are most welcome to contact the Teathers!

Elizabeth Teather, Canberra

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
The late Colin Mitchell McEwan, MBE ED MA

I am trying to obtain more information for my own research about Colin McEwan who joined the HK Government in 1939. He joined the HK Volunteers, fought in the Battle of Hong Kong and escaped into China on Christmas Day 1941. He retired from the Government and left HK in 1963. His rank with the Volunteers is given in the *1963 Government Blue Book* as Major. He and I were colleagues in the Education Department in the 1950s and early 1960s where he was in charge of the subject 'Physical Education' in the Inspectorate and I was teaching in a College.

If anyone has any information at all about Colin I should be very grateful if they would please contact me. Information about his life in the Volunteers, his role in the Battle of HK and his escape into China would of course be especially welcome.

I hope very much to hear from you.

Dan Waters

Immediate Past President

Contact numbers on back page of Newsletter

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED
CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MACAO
XIIth RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR Government is inviting applications for research scholarships for the academic year 2005/06 in order to encourage scientific research in studies concerning Macao and Sino-Portuguese relations in the following areas: History, Literary Studies, Cultural Heritage, Anthropology and Sociology. Applications close on 30 April and regulations and application forms are available at:

Main Office of the Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR Government
Libraries of the Cultural Institute
Studies, Research and Publications Division
Rua Pedro Coutinho, No. 27, Edf. "Queen's Court", 2/F
Tel: (853) 5993102/593423
Fax: (853) 529242
Email: info.deip@icm.gov.mo

(The Assistant Secretary also has two copies each of the Regulations and Application Form: Tel/fax 2813 7500, or email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk)

RASHKB VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The British War Memorial project is established in the UK with the aim of photographing all British and Commonwealth military graves throughout the world, and ultimately make them available on the Web. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission supports the project and the photography is done entirely by volunteers.

As time passes, graves deteriorate and become overgrown and neglected. In Hong Kong we are fortunate that the graves are all well maintained and situated in only three areas; Sai Wan, Stanley

and Happy Valley. As it is unlikely that family members are able to visit Hong Kong, it is important to make the photographs available for present and future generations.

Tessa Walker is co-ordinating the Hong Kong effort and is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested can contact her at 2813 7737, and further information can be obtained from the website www.britishwargraves.org.uk.

LOCAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Early Swiss-Chinese encounters: The Basel Mission in Hong Kong

As part of the "Switzerland Greets Hong Kong" campaign, the Consulate General of Switzerland will jointly present this exhibition with the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong, the University Museum and Art Gallery and the Centre of Asian Studies of The University of Hong Kong. This exhibition, with sponsorship from Bank Sarasin, will focus on the contributions of the Basel Mission to Hong Kong and southern China from 1847 to the present. Its story will reflect different aspects of early Hong Kong life and city development, including religion, education, health care and hospital service.

The exhibits will include over 60 old photographs in the inventory of the Basel Mission and the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong. In addition, a number of artefacts such as Hakka bibles of the old and new testament, Hakka clothes, certificates, questionnaire and old photographs, as well as publications on the history of the Basel Mission, textbooks and children hymns will be featured - all on loan from the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong.

Venue: University of Hong Kong Museum and Art Gallery
Date: 19th March to 26th June
Contact: 2241 5512 for further information

To accompany this exhibition, a half-day seminar on the Basel Mission and its involvement with Hong Kong will be held on 19 March 2005 (Saturday). The symposium is organized jointly by the University Museum and Art Gallery and the Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong. Speakers will include Paul Jenkins, Peter Schweitzer, Dr. Elizabeth Sinn, the Rev. Carl Smith and Tong Wing Sze. For further information, please contact Dr. P. T. Lee at the Centre of Asian Studies of the University of Hong Kong (Tel: 2859 2429 or email ptlee@hkucc.hku.hk).

Following the symposium, the Museum Society will be offering a light lunch of Swiss delights, to be followed with a guided tour of the Basel Mission Exhibition.

Symposium Venue: 1/F, Fung Ping Shan Building, University Museum and Art Gallery
Date: 19 March, 2005
Time: 10.00 – 12.30pm
For information: Contact Dr. P.T. Lee at the Centre of Asian Studies, HKU, Tel. 2859 2429 or email ptlee@hkucc.hku.hk

“Huang Yongyu at 80: An Art Exhibition”

This exhibition is currently showing at the Hong Kong Museum of Art. Combining traditional methods with Western oil painting techniques to create a completely new effect, Huang Yongyu gained an international reputation as a pioneer in the reformation of Chinese painting.

Huang uses brilliant colours and broad brushwork in his eye-catching works. He is also highly praised for his literary works, exemplified by the long inscriptions with which he complements his paintings. Most of the eighty works in the exhibition have been produced in the last few years and at the age of 80 Huang is still vigorously exploring the world of artistic creation. Having been on tour from Beijing to Changsha to Guangzhou since early 2004, the exhibition is making its final appearance in Hong Kong.

Venue: Hong Kong Museum of Art, Tsim Sha Tsui

Time: 10.00am – 6.00pm daily : closed Thursdays, except on public holidays

Date: Exhibit continues until 28th March

People's Museum, Shek Kip Mei

In 1955, 53,000 people were made homeless when a fire swept through Shek Kip Mei squatter village and to meet the urgent need for housing the Hong Kong Housing Authority built the first public housing estate. Two of the original blocks have been turned into the People's Museum where living conditions over the past 50 years have been recreated.

Visitors can see examples of life in the 1950s, when 2-3 families shared a 120' home without electricity or water; the 1970s when economic change brought about the need for household industries to supplement income; the 1980s when living conditions improved somewhat due to industrial development; and the 1990s, when the younger generation began moving out of the estates, leaving the elderly and thus weakening family ties.

Venue: G/F, Block 17 and 18, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Shek Kip Mei Street, Kowloon

Time: 1pm-6pm Saturdays to the end of March, then by appointment for group visits from April to August

Tel: 2329 5222

Admission: Free

OVERSEAS EVENTS AND LECTURES

Siam Society, Bangkok

Anyone fortunate enough to be in Bangkok later in March can catch two very interesting lectures at the Siam Society. On Tuesday, 22nd March, Dr. Donald Stadtner will give a talk on "The Enigma of the Mingun Pagoda – did the king really leave it unfinished?" How early English observers concluded that the pagoda was unfinished reveals a deep animosity toward Burmese royalty that foreshadowed the conquest of Upper Burma in 1885. Dr. Stadtner was previously Associate Professor of Art History at the University of Texas. For time and venue telephone 02-661-6470-7, contact info@siam-society.org.

Then on Thursday, 24th March, Professor Michael Smithies will talk on "Contrasting Styles: Two mid-19th century French travelers in Siam: Henri Mouhot and Ludovic de Beauvoir". The scientific explorer, Mouhot, and the early but well-connected backpacker, de Beauvoir; two contrasting personalities, both with British connections, whose differing accounts tell much about life in Thailand in the Fourth Region. Professor Smithies has been in Siam since 1960, retiring in 1992 from Burapha University, and his most recent publication was "Witnesses to a Revolution: Siam 1688", published by the Siam Society in 2004. For time and venue telephone 02-661-6470-7, contact info@siam-society.org.

Royal Commonwealth Society in Hong Kong

The Royal Commonwealth Society invites RAS members to attend their Annual Ball, which will be held on 30th April, 2005 at the China Club. This year's Ball will be a very special event. There will be a Chinese theme so everyone should come comfortably dressed Chinese Style. A delicious Chinese menu will be served. Tickets are \$888 per person, which includes pre-dinner cocktails and wine with dinner. As usual, there will be lively entertainment and a chance to win superb raffle prizes. This year all proceeds of the grand raffle will be donated to the Liangshan Leprosy Project in China. For further information and a booking form, contact Yasmin Stewart, Executive Secretary, RCSHK, at yasmin.stewart@pcsgroup.com.hk

Indosiam Book Shop

Some members may not be aware that there is a very special rare book shop here in Hong Kong. Since July 2003, Yves Azemar has been running **Indosiam** on Lyndhurst Terrace, specialising in rare, out of print documents, mostly books connected with Asia and Asian Culture. The bookshop currently has more than 3,000 old books on China, Indochina, Siam, Cambodia, Japan and other Asian countries. There is also a related permanent exhibition of prints and posters. **Indosiam** is close by the escalator at 32, Lyndhurst Terrace, and is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 7pm, or by appointment. Tel: 2854 2853 or email indosiam@hotmail.com.

And if you think you already have too many books.....

From time to time, Dr. Priscilla Roberts (an RAS member) culls her own extensive library of books and sends a shipment to universities in China. She is wondering whether anyone else would like to contribute with books they no longer have use for. Books of every kind, in English and Chinese, are welcome and they can be delivered to the General Office of the University of Hong Kong's History Department, Room 160, Main Building, HKU, during normal office hours (9am-5pm weekdays, 9am-1pm Saturdays). After delivery, Dr. Roberts will kindly take care of donations, adding them to her own shipment. For further details, telephone Dr. Priscilla Roberts at 2859 2863, or email proberts@hkucc.hku.hk.

OTHER SOCIETIES

The Oriental Ceramics Society

The Oriental Ceramics Society provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information in study sessions and travel programmes, a platform for scholarly lectures by distinguished speakers and a medium through which members may show their collections to other members and the public. For further information email ocs@orientalceramics.org.hk or leave a message at Tel. 2527 0696.

The English Speaking Union (Hong Kong) — ESU (HK)

Members are warmly invited to join the ESU (HK), an independent, non-political, registered educational charity, founded in 1918, and active in 56 countries. The mission of the ESU (HK) is to provide opportunities for people from all walks of life to broaden their social contacts through the English language and to advance their knowledge and use of English as the language of the "global village". For further information, do visit the ESU (HK) web-site: www.esuhk.org; or send enquiries by email to: esuhk@netvigator.com Telephone enquiries may be made to the administrator at: 2186-8449 (M-F, 9.00am-12 noon).

The Women's Corona Society also welcomes ladies who are new to Hong Kong as well as those who are not. They meet each Monday morning in the Mariners' Club in TST and enjoy coffee and a chat as well as interesting speakers; they also arrange local visits and social activities. For more information call Karen Ellis on 2779 3476.