DUSA Quarter - December 2009

China in Those Days: A Postcard from the Middle Kingdom



"A truly outstanding masterpiece! Thomas Brandt successfully portrays.

China of the late 19th and early 20th century, an era one needs to embrace in order to understand today's China. The books' extensive postcard collection inspires, informs and draws readers on this astonishing journey of a time gone by. A must for every Middle Kingdom enthusiast."

President European Union Chambas of Commerce in Cario

"Its exclusive appearance coupled with the rich image selection as well as its in-depth yet enfortaining cultural information appeals to old hands and newcomers alike, and makes it an ideal present for both our Asian and Western partners"

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A glimpse into the daily life in China through the eyes of a postcard viewer from the late 19th through to the early 20th century

By Mr. Thomas Brandt

Our 2009 DUSA Christmas Dinner presentation by Thomas Brandt about "China in those days" will take us back to the times when traveling in Asia was still considered to be an adventure and the use of telephones was limited to the privileged few. During those days each and every postcard was worth more than a thousand words. Postcards revolutionized the world's communication, the first widely circulated form of pictorial documentation. When photography was an expensive novelty, these snapshots of faraway countries were rare, if not unattainable.

Experience a trip back into the past in the beautifully set environment of the Kempinski Hotel Suzhou and enjoy a lively presentation over dinner of some of these vintage masterpiece postcards that preserve China's social history. Many of the images of people, architecture and landscapes were not recorded anywhere else but on postcards. Most of these snapshots are not even to be found in museums or national archives.

Date: Sunday, 6 December 2009

Time: 18:30 with Cocktails

Venue: Kempinski Hotel Suzhou

Expense: 400,-- RMB/person (10 % Discount for DUSA Members and Family)

Details: Cocktail (Sparkling Wine, Softdrinks, Paulaner Bier)

Dinner Menu with 4 courses (see attached)

Beverage package with free flow of Wine, Water, Coffee until Midnight

Speaker: Mr. Thomas Brandt

Mr. Brandt is General Manager of the Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kuala Lumpur. He has published four books, including "China In Those Days". Mr. Brandt is already known to the DUSA community due to his brilliant presentation on "Asia in THOSE DAYS" he did some 18 months ago!

Please confirm you attendance not later than 30.Nov.2009! As DUSA has to guarantee the table bookings with Kempinski please make sure that you will also join once confirmed! Otherwise DUSA Membership fees will be wasted!

Please refer to attachment for more details.

Thank you!

Best regards

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