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Mysterious Porcelain of Singapore/Malaysia

The Southeast Asian Ceramic Society is pleased to announce a visit to a private collection cum talk by a renowned collector of Peranakan ceramics and treasures in his well appointed house which is modelled after a mansion in Penang. Dr. Lye will give a short tour of his house and collection followed by a talk.

Date: Saturday 17 July 2010

Time: 4-6pm (Please arrive at 3.45pm)

Address: 2 Pierce Drive, Singapore

The Society can only take ten members for this very privileged opportunity. Please make your reservation by contacting Michelle Chin via email: ceramic@seaceramic.org.sg or hp 9078 9150



Synopsis of talk

Pink-ground porcelain of the Guangxu period decorated with a central medallion of four Chinese characters, some of which denote a Chinese rank, are found in Singapore and Malaysia. The rim of this type of porcelain consists of butterflies alternating with the surname of the owner. Some collectors have readily regarded this type of porcelain as Peranakan porcelain. A whole set belonging to Kapitan China Yap Ah Loy is on display at the Peranakan Museum. What exactly is the purpose of this porcelain? How did it come about? Is it Peranakan porcelain? Research has revealed some interesting facts about it and has also raised more questions as well.

Profile of owner and speaker

Dr Lye Wai Choong is a doctor by profession. He started collecting Peranakan porcelain in 1993 and has expanded to collecting all types of Peranakan material culture such as metalworks, textiles, beadwork, jewellery and furniture, photographs, books and documents. He has started a project known as "The Hall of the Phoenix and Peony" which is dedicated to the study, research and documentation of the Peranakan material culture. He has contributed numerous articles to the Peranakan Association magazine.