



## **Five Dynasty Treasures: Chinese Ceramics found in the Indonesia Cirebon Shipwreck**

A talk by Lim Yah Chiew

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Venue: 82 Cairnhill Road, Singapore

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### **Synopsis**

The Indonesia Cirebon Shipwreck was found in February 2003 in deep waters at about 100 nautical miles north of Cirebon, situated at Central Java, Indonesia. The vessel of unknown origin contained an amazing hoard of 271,000 artifacts dating to the Five dynasties/Liao Dynasty of the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

These included imperial quality ceramics, glass artifacts from the Sassanid Empire, rock crystals from the Fatimid dynasty, gold daggers with Arab script, silver, gemstones and gem-studded jewelry.

The lecture will focus on the Chinese ceramics found in the wreck. They comprise the very rare Yue Mise (secret colour) green wares which number more than one hundred thousand bowls, plates, and ewers. Other ceramics include two thousand white bowls and five hundred white containers. Analysis revealed that such wares were likely to have come from the Ding kilns of the late Tang to Five Dynasties period.

### **About the speaker**

Lim Yah Chiew is a Council Member (Overseas): Antique Ceramics Research Committee (based in National Palace Museum), PRC and Honorary Council Member of the Southern Song Imperial Wares Research Committee, Hanzhou, PRC. He has presented more than 30 research papers on Antique Ceramics at the Annual International Antique Ceramics Conference held annually in PRC and also published numerous papers in the academic journals in PRC.

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