



# Southeast Asian Ceramic Society

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TO REMIND:

## PREMODERN CHINESE TRADE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (before the Europeans)

Talk by  
**Professor Wang Gungwu, Director of the East Asian Institute  
at the National University of Singapore**

Born in Surabaya, Professor Wang grew up in Ipoh. He studied at The National Central University in Nanjing in 1947-48, at The University of Malaya, Singapore, from 1949 to 1954 (BA Hons, MA) and at The University of London from 1954 to 1957 (PhD).

The posts which Professor Wang currently occupies as Director of the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore and as Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies are the culmination of an eminent and wide-ranging academic career which took him from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur, Canberra and Hong Kong and finally back to Singapore. Prior to his return here, he was Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong (1986 to 1995).

Professor Wang has written widely in English and Chinese on subjects ranging from history to culture and international relations, with respect to China, Hong Kong, countries in Southeast Asia, and Australia.

Professor Wang is currently a Member of the National Arts Council, the National Heritage Board and the National Library Board as well as Adviser, Chinese Heritage Centre, Nanyang Technological University, and The Research Centre for Chinese Studies, National University of Singapore

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**DATE AND TIME: Friday, 6 March at 8:00 PM**  
**VENUE: Singapore History Museum Lecture Theatre at 93 Stamford Road**  
(formerly known as the National Museum Theatre)

In 1958, Prof Wang wrote a pivotal monograph entitled *The Nanhai Trade: A Study of the Early History of Chinese Trade in the South China Sea*. Though not the direct subject of his talk, Professor Wang will be happy to answer questions relating to this recently reprinted and still timely monograph.

For those planning to attend the Conference on Fujian Trade Ceramics to be held from 24 to 26 April (for more information, please refer to the President's Annual Report herewith), Professor Wang's talk will provide a most opportune introduction to the subject of trade between China and Southeast Asia.