



The Southeast Asian Ceramic Society invites you  
to a talk by Professor Peter Y. K. Lam

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7:30 pm SGT

### **Dating Evidence for Fourteenth-Nineteenth Century Ceramic Finds in Singapore**



**Little has been studied about the pre-colonial history of Singapore, but the scene has been changing in the last two and half decades after the founding of the Southeast Asian Ceramic Society, augmented by archaeological investigations.**

Very interesting and important ceramic finds from controlled excavations and field works have plotted Singapore into the East-West trade routes. The relationship of Singapore, SE Asia, China and the West before 1819 is better understood. From a Chinese ceramic historian's perspective, Peter Lam, in this lecture, discussed some of these Chinese ceramic finds in Singapore and fit them into proper positions in the long history of ceramic development in China. Special emphasis was given to dating, provenance attribution and comparison to complete pieces found from recent shipwreck cargos and dated archaeological contexts in China.

#### **About the Speaker: Professor Peter Y K Lam**

A graduate from the Percival David Foundation of Chinese Art, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Peter Lam is an art historian as well as a museum professional. His scholarly works on Chinese ceramics, calligraphy rubbings and the decorative arts are widely published. He began his museum career at the Urban Council City Hall Museum and Art Gallery in the early 1970's working under James Watt, who later founded the Art Museum, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. After a very short period at the City Hall, he was persuaded by James Watt to join the CUHK Art Museum and has been there since, where he is its Director. Peter Lam is a long time member of the Min Chiu Society, a prestigious collectors' club in Hong Kong, a council member of the Chinese Society of Ancient Ceramics in Beijing, an Honorary Research Fellow of the Palace Museum, Beijing and an Honorary member of the Oriental Ceramic Society of Hong Kong.

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