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Anthropology

Chinese Gods of Old Trades / Wang Shucun
Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, c2004
253 p.; ill.; 21cm.
7-119-03325-5
\$ 35.00

[The book lists the gods worshipped by different traders in ancient China and reproduces their images. The 100 and more images of originating masters and protective gods reproduced in this book are selected from among as many as 1,000 pictures in the compiler's collection. There are also pictures of shops and work places of various traders. Through these pictures, readers may gain some idea about the gods worshipped by the various trades in ancient China, take a close look at the art and see what life was like in bygone days.]

Art

A History of Chinese Painting / Zhang Anzhi
Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, 2002
242 p.; ill.; 21cm.
Includes Index.
7-119-03042-6
\$ 35.00

[This book takes the reader through the wondrous world of traditional Chinese paintings. Working his way through a vast collection of records, the author classifies the material systematically and underscores for the readers all. As he recounts the long history of Chinese painting, he defines its traditions through the ages, beginning with pictures drawn by early men of the Neolithic period, through the successive dynasties, to modern and contemporary Chinese paintings which have inherited and developed those traditions. He even probes early man's understanding and concept of painting from pictures mentioned in mythology and legends, and painted on unearthed relics. The author provides throughout a running commentary on the representative painters of the various periods, their works and aesthetic views.

The book contains a wealth of data of both academic value and common interest. There are 190 illustrations throughout the text of the book. It is a book for the connoisseur as well as the beginner, for people with refined or popular tastes.]

Economics

China : The new Stage of Reform / Chi Fulin
Beijing : Foreign Language Press, c2004
vii, 328 p.; 22cm.
7-119-03484-7
\$ 19.50

[China has reached a crucial period of its economic and social transition. To complete such a transition, government functions are now shifting from giving priority to economic objectives to stressing social objectives, with emphasis laid on adjusting various interests.

The theses included in this book discuss in detail various issues underlying this great economic and social transition, such as the shift in government functions, the development of NGOs, the reconstruction of government regulatory and supervisory system to match an open economy, giving thorough national treatment for farmers, the concept of a "China Free trade Zone", further reform of infrastructure and public utilities sector, and entrepreneurship system and ESOP, etc.]

Modernization in China : The Effects on its People and Economic Development / Beijing Youth Daily and Youth Humanities and Social science Research center of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Beijing : Foreign Language Press, c2004
250 p.; 21cm.
7-119-03297-6
\$ 30.00

[Contents :

Chapter 1 : Economy
Chapter 2 : Population
Chapter 3 : Education
Chapter 4 : Quality of Life
Chapter 5 : Social Security
Chapter 6 : The Concept of Values and the State of Mind
Chapter 7 : Science and Technology
Chapter 8 : Environment and Resources
Chapter 9 : The Reunification of the Country and Unity of the Nation
Chapter 10 : China and the World
About the Writers.]

Integrated Study of China's Development and Reform : Preliminary Exploration of Social System / Huijiong Wang
Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, c2003
526 p.; 22cm.
7-119-03335-2
\$ 45.00

[This book includes a selection of eighteen papers, which deal with five different but interrelated aspects of China's development and reform. These five essential aspects are : Overall development planning, science and technology, economy, society and environment. From the perspective of the author, there is need to have an integrated approach to study the issue of development and reform.]

Education

Education For 1.3 Billion – Former Chinese Vice Premier Li Lanqing On 10 Years of Education Reform and Development / Li Lanqing

China : Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, 2005

483 p. ; ill. ; 23cm.

962-01-4 782-0

\$ 50.00

[Contents :

Introduction

1. Become 'Quartermaster' for National Education

2. Making Teaching an Envidable Profession

3. Implementing Government Responsibilities and Increasing Spending on education

4. Ushering in a Higher Education system that meets the needs of the 21st Century

5. Laying the Groundwork for Great National Rejuvenation

6. Promoting Character Education and Improving Education Quality

7. Breaking New Ground in Vocational and Adult Education

8. The Editors' Observations

Postscript

Song of Buds

A Letter to Xiling Seal Carving Studio.]

History

Monumenta Serica - Journal of Oriental Studies Vol.50, 2002 / Edited by Roman Malek

Germany : Monumenta Serica Institute, 2002

x, 721 p. ; 26cm.

ISSN : 0254-9948

\$ 75.00

Clocks and Watches of the Qing Dynasty – From the Collection in the Forbidden City / Compiled by Liao Pin

Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, 2002

207 p. ; ill. ; 21cm.

7-119-03050-7

\$ 40.00

[The Beijing Palace Museum, on the grounds of the former Forbidden City, has in its collection some of the most valuable clocks and watches manufactured during the 18th and 19th centuries, which are not only timepieces but also objects of superb craftsmanship. This book introduces more than 150 clocks and watches from the collection. They are masterpieces from all over the world—Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, the United States and Japan, as well as China. Each illustration is

accompanied by an introduction written by specialties from the Palace Museum, describing the design, structure and special characteristics of the objects.]

An Outline History of China / Bai Shouyi
Beijing : Foreign Languages Press Beijing, 2002
ii, 803 p. ; ill. ; 20cm.
Includes Index
7-119-02347-0
\$ 40.00

[China is a country with a long history and ancient civilization. Over the past 50 centuries an extensive and profound civilization, as well as a varied and colorful cultural heritage. An Outline History of china gives a brief introduction to the long historical course of development of China from ancient times up to the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. The book first gives an outline of contemporary Chinese geography, population, ethnicity and history. It then describes ancient human activities, and the social and historical meanings of ancient mythologies and legends, and gives a concise account of the rise and fall of the Xia, Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han, Wei, Jin, Sui, Tang, Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. There follow, in detail or in brief, as appropriate, introductions to the politics, economy, military affairs, culture, laws, inventions, cultural relics, etiquette and customs, relationships between classes and ethnic groups in China, and between China and foreign countries, plus an enlightening description of the country's modern social reforms. There is an index at the back of the book for convenience of reference.

This book is aimed at foreign university students, and readers at or above college level.]

Review of Culture = Revista de Cultura International Edition 1 January 2002
Macau : Instituto Cultural, 2002
164 p.; ill. ; 28cm.
International Edition 1
ISSN :1682-1106
\$ 30.00

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The Founding of Macao in Chinese Historiography

Linguistics

In Search of Time in Peking Mandarin / Ekaterina Yurievna Chirkova
Leiden : CNWS Publications, c2003
x, 128 p.; ill.; 25cm
Includes Index
90-5789-089-5
\$ 50.00

[This book is about Peking Mandarin, the dialect of Peking, which despite its official status as the spoken foundation of the national language of China, remains largely unexplored to date. Based on a large collection of spoken data from native speakers of Peking Mandarin, it comments on the ways Peking natives use to refer to time,

focusing mainly on phenomena which are underrepresented in the linguistic literature. The description concentrates on aspectual particles. Usages that are newly attested in the data are compared to existing accounts of Mandarin, raising issues of polysemy and homonymy for each of these particles. Both synchronic and diachronic aspects are examined. It is demonstrated that some forms that have been considered extinct in Mandarin are alive and kicking in the language of Peking.]

Maps

China : In Ancient and Modern Maps
London : Philip Wilson Publishers Ltd., 1998
287 p.; 32cm.
0856674133
\$ 150.00

[Contents:

Authors' Note
Foreword
List of Chinese dynasties
List of maps

Introduction

The Maps

Warring States Period 475 – 221 BC
Western Han Dynasty 206 BC – AD 25
Eastern Han Dynasty AD 25 – 220
Northern Wei Dynasty AD 386 – 534
Tang Dynasty AD 618 – 907
Five Dynasties AD 907 – 960
Northern Song Dynasty AD 960 – 1127
Southern Song Dynasty 1127 – 1279
Jin Dynasty 1115 – 1234
Yuan Dynasty 1279 – 1368
Ming Dynasty 1368 – 1644
Qing Dynasty 1644 – 1911

Select chronology of cartography in China]

Politics

The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference : by the General Affairs Office
of the CPPCC National Committee
China : Foreign Languages Press, 2004
vi, 186p.; 24cm.
7-119-03338-7
\$ 30.00

[Contents :
Introduction

Chapter I : The Historical Course of the CPPCC
Chapter II : The Nature and Position of the CPPCC
Chapter III : The Main Functions of the CPPCC
Chapter IV : The Organization of the CPPCC
Chapter V : The Members of the CPPCC
Chapter VI : Major systems of CPPCC Meetings
Chapter VII : The Basic and Regular Work of the CPPCC (Part I)
Chapter VIII : The Basic and Regular work of the CPPCC (Part II)
Chapter IX : Contributions to Unification at Home and Friendship Abroad
Chapter X : The Foreign Contacts of the CPPCC
Chapter XI : The Work of the Local Committees of the CPPCC
Chapter XII : The Fine Traditions of the CPPCC
Appendix.]

Chinese Government / Yang Fengchun
Beijing : Foreign Language Press, c2004
279 p.; 22cm.
7-119-03285-2
\$ 45.00

[This book defines the fundamental structure of the Chinese system of government and the functions and status of its different parts. It emphasizes the core of the Chinese government system, giving the reader an understanding of the system's essence. Combining a theoretical perspective with a systemic analysis, the book has improved the level of academic research into the Chinese government system. Another important characteristic is found in the author's timely comments on the latest changes in the process of reform and opening-up.]

Jiang Zemin on the "Three Represents"
2nd Edition [1st Ed. 2002]
Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, 2003
219 p.; 21cm.
7-119-02918-5
\$ 22.00

[Contents :

How our party is to attain the "Three Represents" Under the new Historical Conditions (February 25, 2000)

The "Three Represents" Are the foundation for Building the party, the cornerstone for its exercise of state power and a source of its strength (May 14, 2000)

Strengthen the Training of Young and Middle-Aged leading cadres to meet the needs of the new century (June 9, 2000)

Constantly make innovations in Accordance with the Requirements of Practice (June 20, 2000)

The New Situation and new circumstances facing ideological and political work (June 28, 2000)

Development demands New Ways of Thinking (October 11, 2000)

On Improving the Party's style of work (October 11, 2000)

Issues to be correctly handled in current economic work (November 28, 2000)

Promote the Development of the Party's work style, the building of a clean government, and the fight against corruption (December 26, 2000)

Speech at the National Conference of Directors of Publicity departments (January 10, 2001)

Fulfil the Requirements of the "Three Represents" in building Grassroots party organizations (February 27, 2001)

Speech at the Rally in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the communist party of China (July 1, 2001).]

Religion – Buddhism

Monasteries of Tibetan Buddhism in China

Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, c2004

134 p.; ill.; 21cm.

7-119-03347-6

\$ 40.00

Sociology

China's Population Situation and Policies / Wu Cangping and Mu Guangzong

Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, c2004

154 p.; 22cm.

7-119-03326-3

\$ 28.00

[Contents :

A Huge Population Is China's Most Basic and Characteristic National Condition

The population Problem new China Faced

Opportunities and challenges for the Solution to the Population, Problem Brought about by the reform and Opening up Program

The Achievement of a Low fertility rate and new problems

Migration of Farmers and China's Reform and Development

The problem of the quality of the Chinese Population

China's aging Population and Countermeasures

The Chinese Population and Sustainable Development.]