New TANAP Scholarships for History Students in Asia

Since its start in 2001 the historical research programme ‘Towards A New Age of Partnership’ has select ed a total of twenty young histori ans from Asia and South Africa for the one-year training programme. At present, eleven students are par ticipating in the Advanced Master’s Program (AMP), mainly in intensive language classes and formulating PhD proposals. At its latest meet ing, the TANAP Program Committee has decided to form another group of AMP stu dents in 2003.

Students with an MA degree (preferably in history) who are willing to face the research challenge in the AMP are requested to submit their applications before 1 July 2002. The final selection will be made by the Programme Com mittee in September 2002. Five scholarships for the AMP 2003 are presently available, for particular students from India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Iran, and Yemen. For application forms please e-mail Dr Niemeijer.

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New TANAP PhD Research

In addition to the list of PhD studies in the last IIAS Newsletter (IISAN 27, March 2002, p. 54) there are two more PhD students under the auspices of TANAP and the CNWS that deserve mention.

Liu Yong
Xiamen University, E-mail: L.Yong@let.leidenuniv.nl, Struggling on a Competitive Market: A Study of the Dutch-East India Com pany’s Conduct of its Chinese Tea Trade, 1750-1795.


Liang Xiao
Department of History of the Vietnam National University, E-mail: xliang@vnu.edu.vn, A Study of the Dutch East India Com pany’s Conduct of its Chinese Tea Trade, 1750-1795.

TANAP Diary: Students’ ‘Fact Sheets’ on Asian History

What can TANAP add to our present historical knowledge of Asia? This has been a question bothering the minds of all the students in the pro gramme. After the first intensive language classes we have entered the National Archives in March and April in order to find out whether our plans to study our national histories are still valid after being confronted with the massive collections of records. Most of us had never seen Euro pean manuscripts from the seventeenth century and in the beginning we really could not tell whether it was Arabic or Dutch. But after a couple of months most of us can already make fairly reliable transcriptions.

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