

Unlikely Collections
Finding Hong Kong and Chinese
Sources Close to Home in the
New Age of Borders

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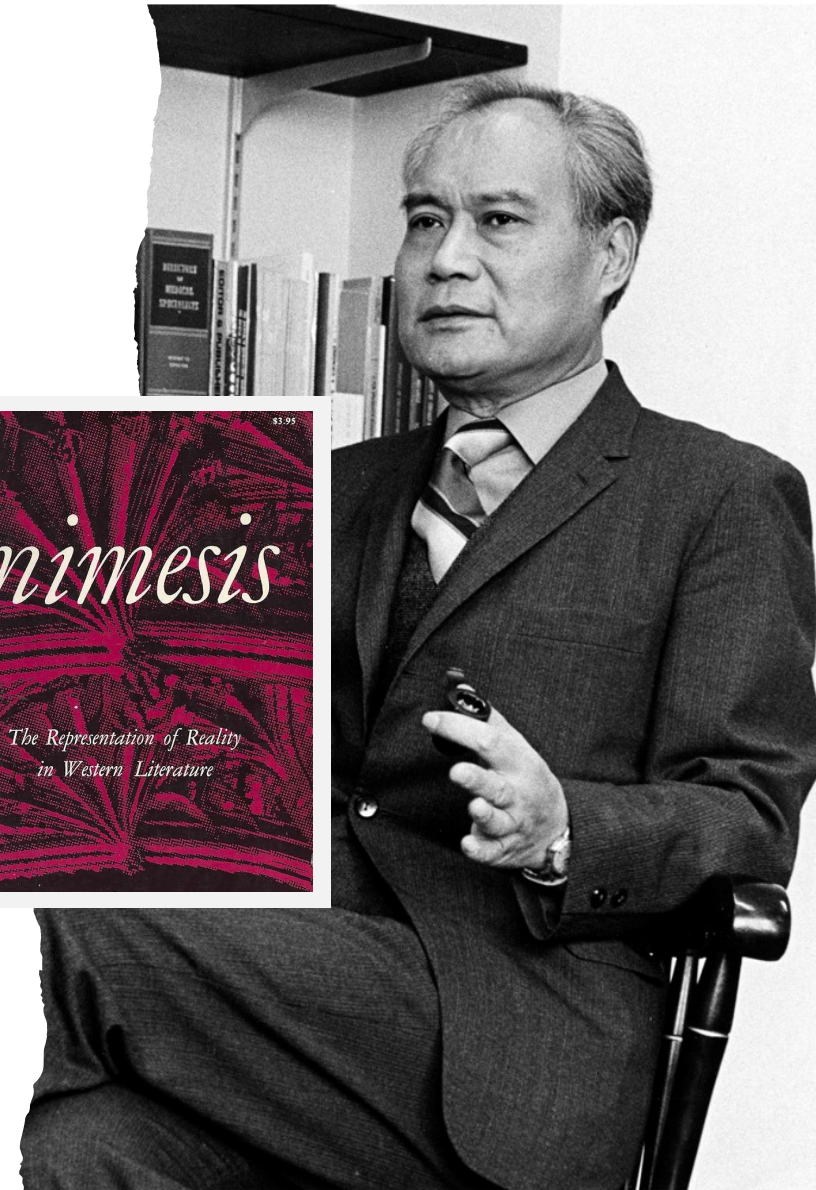
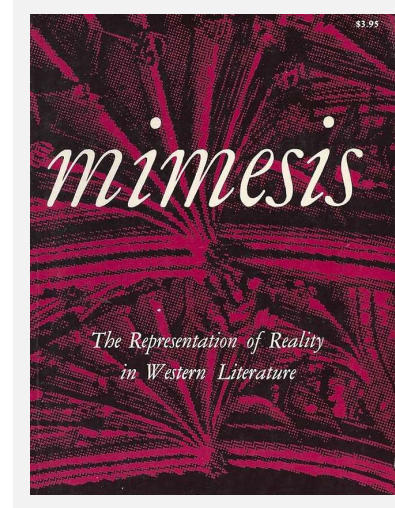
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Counting one's blessings 隨遇而安

半個世紀後回憶，指導我渡過UBC很不平凡的十五年（1948-1963）的是似悖似反而又相輔相成的兩句古諺：“艱苦卓絕”和“隨遇而安”。

Looking back half a century later, what guided me through the extraordinary fifteen years (1948-1963) I spent at UBC were two seemingly paradoxical yet complementary old proverbs: “blood, sweat, and tears” and “count your blessings.”

—Ho Ping-ti 何炳棣, 讀史閱世六十年.



Increasing digital access

全球漢籍影像 開放集成系統

CHINA STUDIES DIGITAL MAPPING PROJECT

An initiative of the Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies

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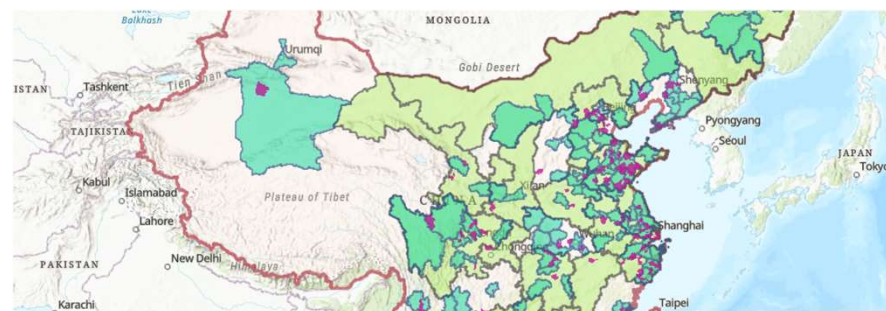
NEWS

ABOUT

RESOURCES FOR CHINA STUDIES

The China Studies Digital Archives Mapping Project is an ongoing initiative that aims to expand access to primary materials and source collections that are vital to the advancement of the China Studies field. The Mapping Project coordinates researchers, librarians, and database administrators to enhance discoverability and access to existing repositories and support the development of new digital resources.

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AAS Letter to the Chinese University of Hong Kong Regarding Reorganization of the Universities Service Centre

📅 02/09/2021 by Asia Now 📍 [AAS Statements](#), [Academia](#), [China](#), [Higher Education](#)

In late December 2020, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) released plans to restructure the [Universities Service Centre for China Studies \(USC\)](#), an important venue for research and academic exchange founded in 1963 and housed at CUHK since 1988. The USC reorganization would involve bringing its data resources under oversight by the CUHK library and could potentially break up the center or threaten the academic freedom it has long enjoyed.

The AAS Board of Directors has sent the letter reproduced below (PDF download [available here](#)) to CUHK leadership to express its concern about the restructuring of the USC.



Increasing restrictions on movement and access

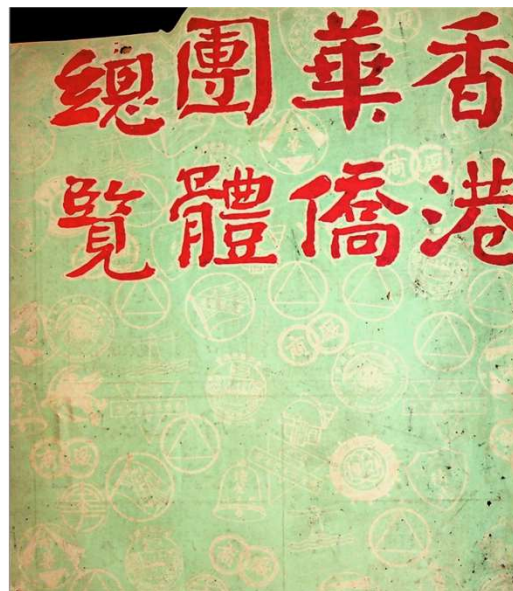
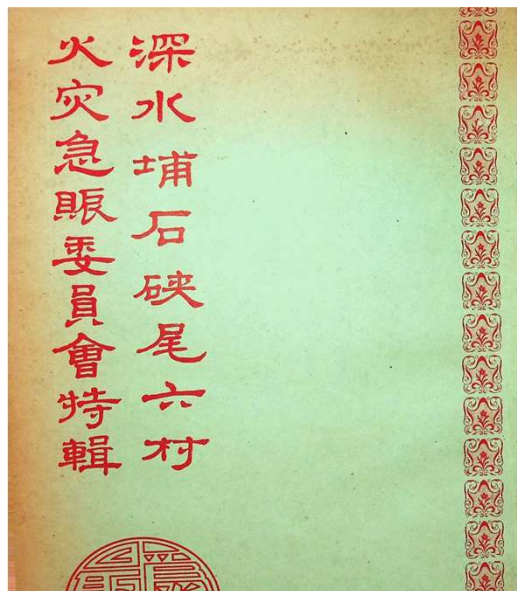
Thinking about the archival “metadata”

MOORING THE GLOBAL ARCHIVE

A Japanese Ship
and its Migrant Histories

Martin Dusinberre





Early postwar Hong Kong

- Only copies in WorldCat:
 - Reform Club 1949-1959
 - Pui Man District Kai Fong Welfare Association
 - Annual Report of Tung Hing Tai
- Only copies in North America
 - Shek Kip Mei Fire Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (only other copy in CUHK, Hong Kong)

中華廠商聯合會主辦

第六屆

僑品展覽會特輯

Pictorial Record
of

The Exhibition of Chinese

Sponsored by
The Chinese Manufacturers' Union
Hong Kong
1948

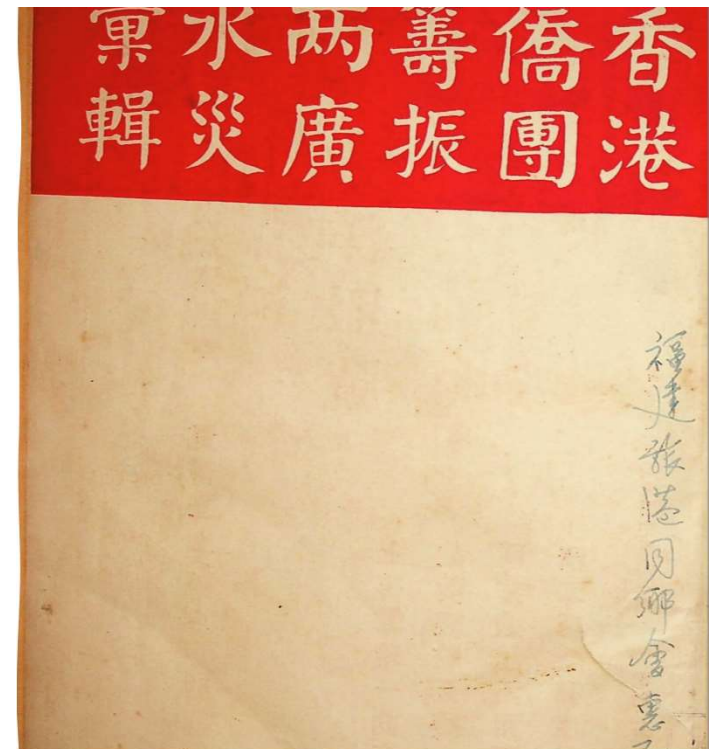
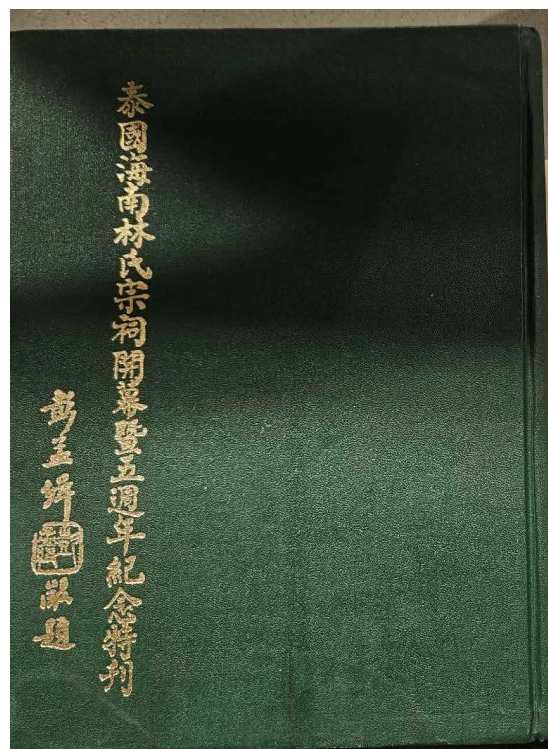
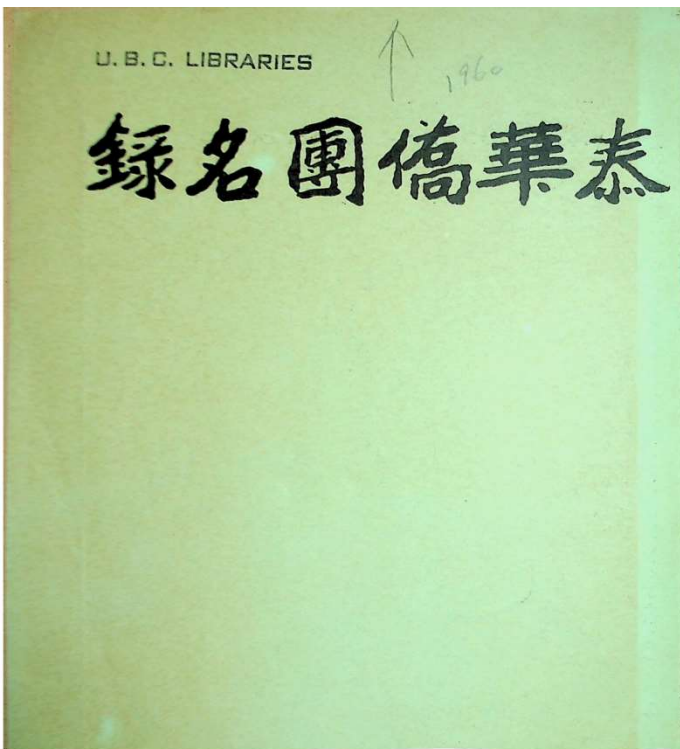


Chinese diasporic business

- Only copy on WorldCat
 - Hong Kong – Philippines Import-Export Society 15th Anniversary Commemorative Issue
- Only copy in North America
 - Exhibition of Chinese Products (1948)
(only other copy at HKU, Hong Kong)

香港菲出入口商會十五週年紀念特刊

一九五七年



Overseas Chinese

- All are only copies in North America
 - Thai-Chinese diasporic organizations registry – other years available at UC Berkeley and Academia Sinica
 - Hong Kong diasporic organizations relief fundraiser for Guangdong-Guangxi flood victims – copies at Leiden and CUHK
 - Thailand Hainan Lin Clan (only other copy in Academia Sinica)



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY
 ASIAN STUDIES DIVISION June 1, 1971.
Canton Delta Project
A report on UBC Library holdings relevant to the areas concerned

MAPS

Besides the titles listed in Appendix A, Atlases and gazetteers for use in Asian studies, held by the Map Division, the Library, U.B.C., November 1970, recent additions to the UBC holdings of maps are as follows:

Hsin-an hsien ch'ian t'u. 新安縣全圖 (Map of the San-on district) 1866. Reproduced from the copy held in the Braga Collection of the National Library of Australia, Canberra, Jan. 1971.

Kuang-tung shêng ti t'u. 廣東省地圖 n.d.

Tsui hsin Kuang-tung shêng ming hai ta ti t'u. 最新廣東省明初大地圖 1938.

U.S. Army Map Service. 1:50,000 maps of China. 1944.
 About 45 of these maps are for the Kwangtung Province, and 6 or 8 are from the Canton Delta region.

GAZETTEERS

The P'u-pan Collection, which is particularly strong in materials concerning Kwangtung, forms the nucleus of the UBC holdings of gazetteers of this province, and is aptly supplemented by the Chung-kuo fang chih in ts'ung shu (中國方志叢書), a complete set of which has been obtained. In Appendix B, Gazetteers of the Kwangtung Province, 74 recognized gazetteers have been listed. Of these the former has contributed 46, and the latter 23. A summary of the contents of Appendix B is tabulated herebelow:

Total titles listed	132
Gazetteers - Provincial	1
Prefectural	9
County	56
- Districts	7
Macao	1
Auxiliary Works	15
Duplicates	43

Of the total of 132 titles, only 74 are generally recognized as gazetteers in the traditional form, as it is mentioned above, others are either duplicates (in title, but not necessarily in edition) or minor

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
 DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
 TEL. 5-468161 (EXT. 227)
 26th August, 1981.

Professor Edgar Wickberg,
 Department of History,
 University of British Columbia,
 Vancouver.

Dear Professor Wickberg,

I am writing to ask you for a favour, and I hope it would not be too much trouble for you. In "A Preliminary Survey of Holdings on the Canton Delta Region at the Libraries of University of Washington and University of British Columbia" prepared by Yeen-mei Wu Chang and Tung-king Ng, for the Canton Delta Workshop, University of Washington, 1971, p. 12, is listed Kuang-tung Ch'ing-tai tang-an lu 廣東清時代檔案錄. There is no further information about publication, but it is said to be in the University of British Columbia Library.

The title itself sounds as though it is just what I have been looking for, and hope to get it through Interlibrary loan. That, however, tends to take time. I am wondering therefore, if you could be good enough to look it up for me, and give me some idea what sort of work it is, and perhaps, how useful. I have checked the catalogues of other major libraries, but UBC seems the only institution to have it, which, of course, makes me more curious than ever.

It is a pity I didn't get to see you off properly when you left Hong Kong. I hope that next time you drop in on the HKU, we might get together again. Meantime, I must thank you before hand for the trouble, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards,
 Elizabeth Si

Edgar Wickberg

- Canton Delta Project
- 廣東清代檔案錄 (Record of Qing-era archives of Guangdong)

Open Collections

series: "Guangdong Qing dai dang an lu"

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Collection

Type: Chinese Rare Books

Genre: [creator unknown] - 1959

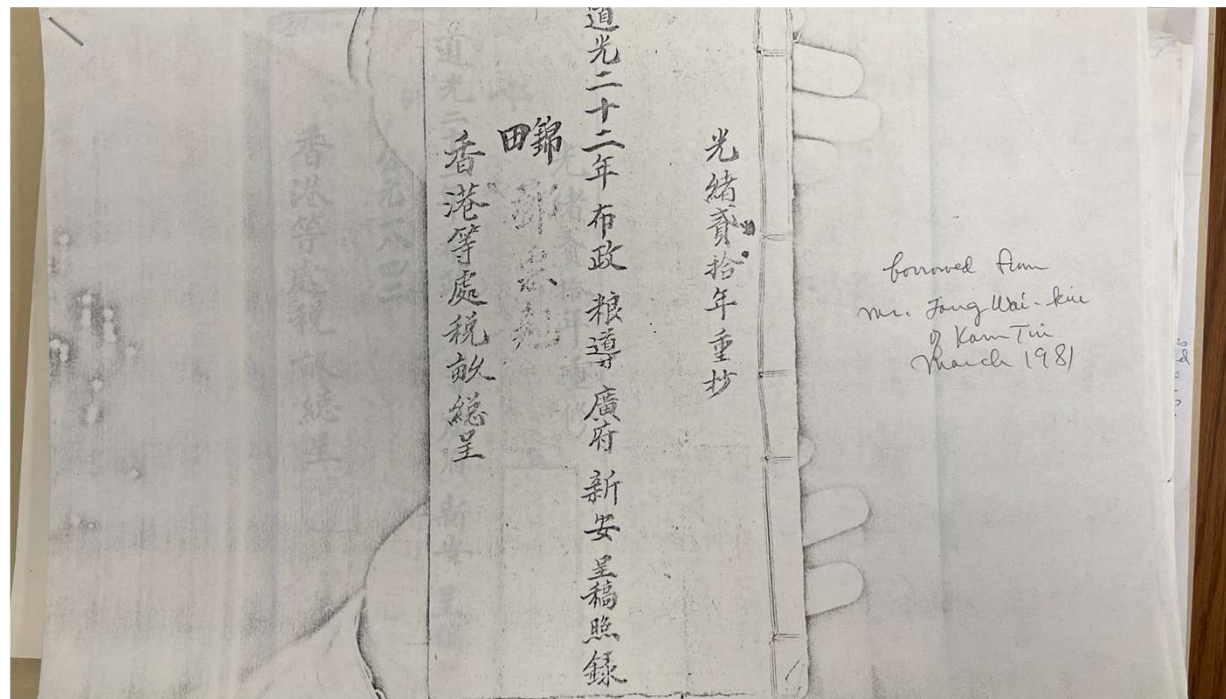
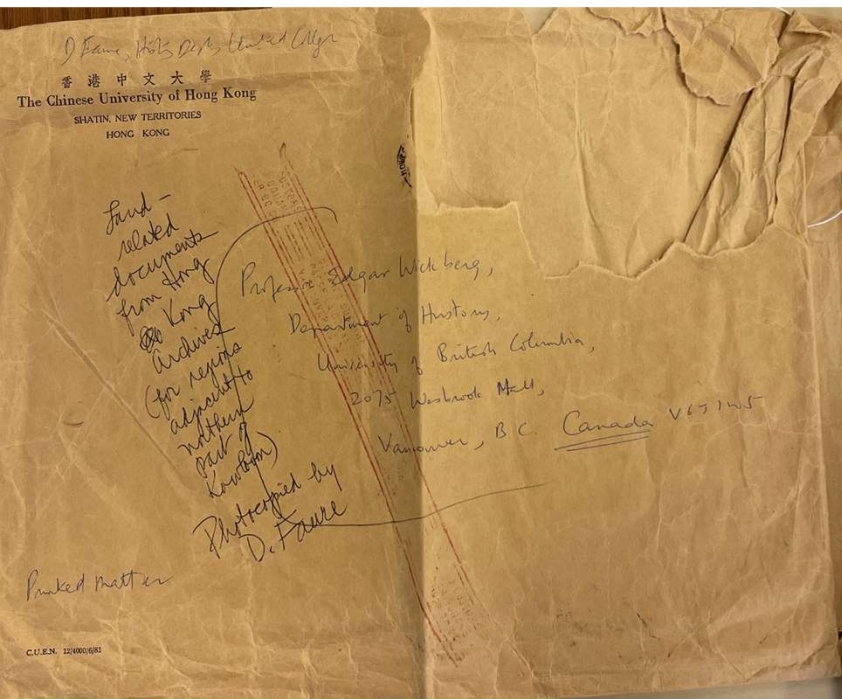
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Edgar Wickberg fonds

- Photocopies of village documents and records
- Photocopies of archival documents from Hong Kong and elsewhere

Acquisitions? Rediscoveries?

Shenshuibu **Shixiawei** liu cun huo zai ji zhen wei yuan hui te ji.

Title: [Shenshuibu Shixiawei liu cun huo zai ji zhen wei yuan hui te ji.](#)

Corporate Author/Creator: [Sham Shui Bo Shek Kip Mei Six Villages Fire Relief Committee.](#)

Published/Created: [1954]

Permalink: <https://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=263868>

Location: ASRS STORAGE (IKB) [Where is this?](#)

Call Number: [HV555.H6 S54 1954](#)

Number of Items: 1

Status: Available

Library of Congress Subjects: [Disaster relief--China--Hong Kong.](#)
[Shumshuipo \(Hong Kong\)--Fire, 1953.](#)

Description: 185, xvii p. : illustrations, portraits.

Peimin qu jie fang fu li hui hui kan.

Title: [Peimin qu jie fang fu li hui hui kan.](#)

Corporate Author/Creator: [Pui Man District Gai-fong Welfare Association.](#)

Permalink: <https://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=1185078>

Location: PARC (circulating) (Order via Document Delivery) [Where is this?](#)

Call Number: [HV4302.A2 P84](#)

Number of Items: 1

Status: Available

Location Has: 1959

Description: volumes.
[195-]

Notes: Description based on: 1959.

Wang-chiao ch'ü chieh fang fu li shih wu ts'u chin hui nien k'an.

Title: [Wang-chiao ch'ü chieh fang fu li shih wu ts'u chin hui nien k'an.](#)

Corporate Author/Creator: [Moukok District Gai-fong Welfare Advancement Association.](#)

Permalink: <https://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=1185078>

Location: PARC (circulating) (Order via Document Delivery) [Where is this?](#)

Call Number: [HV4303.A2 W38](#)

Number of Items: 2

Status: Available

Location Has: 1952,1955

Description: v. : illustrations.
[195-]

香港電影製片公司情況參考資料

一九五四年五月編印

香港電影市場與電影界情況參考資料

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Un(mis)catalogued is unsearchable...

Xianggang you min gai kuang.

Title: [Xianggang you min gai kuang.](#)

Author/Creator: [Xie, Fensheng.](#)

Published/Created: [1939]

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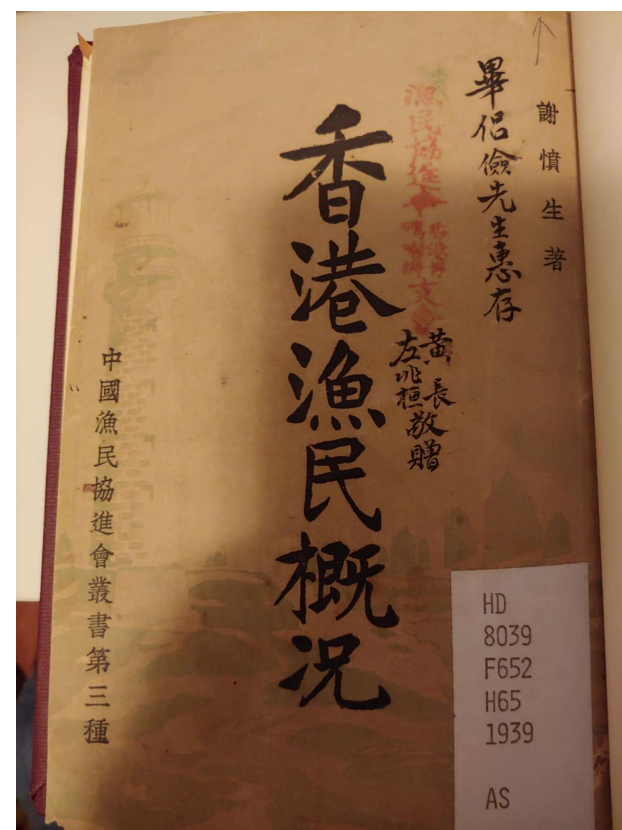
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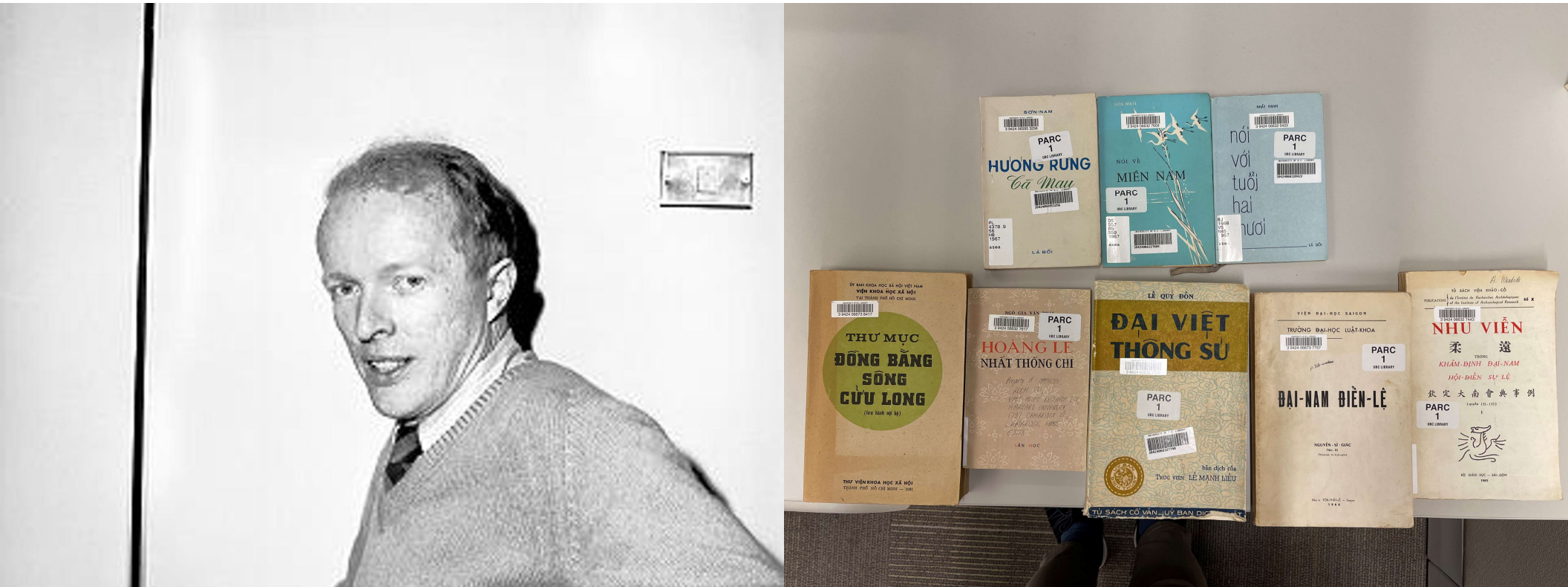
Call Number: [hd8039.f652h65 1939](#)

Number of Items: 1

Status: Available

Description: 7, 167 p., [5] leaves of plates : illustrations.





Alexander Woodside Collection