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August 2012**

NEW MEMBERS

The Society warmly welcomes new Members and thanks those who renewed their memberships:

Subscribing Members:

Mr Lee Hoo Leng
Mr Dieter Gumpert

Introduced by:

Ms Ms Chen Teck Shing
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Renewal of Subscribing Members:

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NEXT LECTURE

“China in Those Days”

**by Mr Thomas Brandt
Buffet Dinner & Illustrated Lecture
FRIDAY 31 August 2012 6.00 pm**

Venue: Chui Huay Lim Club, Lecture Room, Level 3, 190 Keng Lee Road, Singapore

A keen postcard collector, Thomas Brandt, will share how he acquired his vast collection of over 16,000 picture postcards of China dating from late 1890s up to early 1900s. One hundred years prior to the internet revolution, another medium revolutionised the world of communication: the postcard was the first pictorial documentation circulated on a wider scale, bringing the world a little closer together. Thomas Brandt will show samples of what - most probably - is the largest private collection of postcards from China and of Overseas Chinese, accompanied by discussions on the fascinating ancient Chinese history and culture. Among the images, he will show Chinamen with pigtaileds, public executions, tea houses and many others not seen before. He will also share his views on early European interest in China, as well as offer a glimpse into the life of early overseas Chinese and on the characteristics he believes make the Chinese 'tick'. These postcards have inspired him to pen the book “China in Those Days”, a few copies of which will be made available during the lecture evening.

Thomas Brandt

Born 16 June 1966, economist Thomas Brandt (right) studied Macroeconomics in Hamburg between 1986-1992 and worked in the Hamburg Institute of Research of Economics, alongside his academic course 1988 - 1993. In 1994-2001 he was posted by the German Chamber of Commerce & Industry to their Indonesian office in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he was Head of Market Research and Public Relations and Deputy General Manager. In 2001-2005, he was Deputy General Manager with the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. From 2005, he became its General Manager, a post he currently holds.



He has authored books in the field of intercultural management, journals and handbooks: “Business in Indonesia - The Cultural Key to success” (1994); “Asia Comic” (1996); and “Asia in Those Days” (2001).

