



## The Sabah Society talk



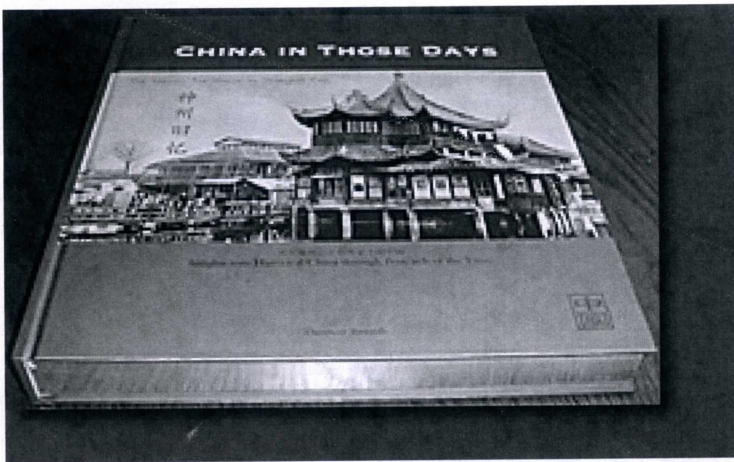
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### Profile

Mr. Thomas Brandt graduated from the University of Hamburg, Germany as an economist.

He has published numerous books in the field of Intercultural Management, journals and handbooks. One of which was "**China in Those Days**" published before the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. Brandt is a well-known and recognized speaker at symposia, workshops and seminars in Asia.

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Step back into the period without internet and digital camera, when even the use of a phone was available only to the privileged few. Around the year 2000 came the internet revolution. Contrast this to a hundred years ago when postcards revolutionized the world's communication by being the first pictorial documentation circulated on a wider scale, bringing the world a little closer. The first paper postcards were not transported by plane affixed with 'airmail' stickers, but rather by 'steam' or 'sail'. Messages were not lost when the 'server was down', only when 'the ship was lost'.

Illuminating explanations and information accompany this journey of fascinating ancient Chinese culture and rituals. The Chinese Overseas (often-called "Offshore China") is a directly related phenomenon that is not to be overlooked and is therefore covered substantially.

The selection of vintage views displayed throughout, originated from what most probably is the largest collection of postcards of China and Chinese overseas in existence. The earliest cards span 1895 to 1900 with the majority stemming from 'The Golden Age of the Postcards' between 1900 and 1914.

Not only are they important memorabilia, these vintage postcards preserve China's social history. Many images of people, architecture and landscapes were not recorded anywhere else but on postcards. These snapshots are not to be found in museums or national archives. Few remain for our education; for some scenes just one lone vintage postcard exists for our enjoyment

Would you like to see how Europeans on the Shanghai Bund enjoyed their afternoons in 1898? Might you be curious about the Forbidden City, the Grand Canal and missionary life in Outer Mongolia in the early 1900's? What about the dress codes of the upper class? How did the not-so-lucky look? Did you know that Peking Opera was performed on street corners of China at the turn of the 20th century? Are you eager to peek into the everyday life of the Chinese Overseas in Chinatowns all over the world at that time?

The above talk will be presented in English and to be held at The Sabah Society Secretariat on Wed, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm. The book "China in Those Days" is in bi-lingual Chinese-English and will be on sale that evening.

Meanwhile, if you would like to know more on the topic and the speaker check it out at [www.prismnet.com/goasia](http://www.prismnet.com/goasia) .