



British Lions Chinese Dragons 獅龍共舞

Regent's University London, July - August 2017

Background

British Lions Chinese Dragons is a collaborative project between the Ming-Ai (London) Institute and Regent's University London. This conference and exhibition in London is the second of a series of events organised by the British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project. Funded by the UK Heritage Lottery Fund, this four-year oral history project has interviewed over 40 ex-British Armed Forces of Chinese descent. After events organised in Hong Kong (April to May 2017), the project has moved to London where the digital archive will be officially launched. The archive will feature video interviews, research articles, lesson plans and other related archive materials.

Conference Herringham Hall, Regent's University London, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4NS

The conference will bring together academics, heritage professionals and authors from around the world to explore the multi-faceted history of the British Chinese Armed Forces. We hope that the conference will provide a platform to discuss the significant contribution that Chinese people have made to the British military throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

Exhibition The Refectory, Regent's University London, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4NS

The linked exhibition will be held in the Refectory of Regent's University London and will draw on the themes discussed during the conference. The exhibition will chart Chinese contribution to the British Armed Forces, with particular focus on The Chinese Labour Corps of World War One, The Battle of Hong Kong in World War Two and the British Army Aid Group (BAAG). The exhibition will also showcase a selection of participants interviewed for the British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project as well as a comprehensive timeline of Sino-British military collaboration.



British Lions Chinese Dragons Conference

Conference Moderator

Professor Brian Hook

Visiting Professor, Chinese Transnational Studies, Regent's University London
Chair of Steering Group Committee, British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project

Formal Roundtable Discussants

Robert Fleming

Templer Study Centre Manager, National Army Museum

Graham Hutchings

Principal at Oxford Analytica

Bernard Williams

ex Hong Kong Regiment

Day 1 Wednesday, 5th July 2017

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

09:30 - 10:00 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome Addresses

Professor Aldwyn Cooper, Vice-Chancellor, Regent's University London

Professor Brian Hook, British Lions Chinese Dragons Conference Moderator

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10:30 - 11:00 **A Man behind the Man behind the Gun: The British Forces' Chinese Labour Recruitment during the First World War**

Gregory James, Author of *The Chinese Labour Corps (1916-1920)*

11:00 - 11:15 Q & A

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11:30 - 12:00 **Tea and Coffee Break**

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12:00 - 12:30 **The Chinese Labour Corps and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Andrew Fetherston, Archivist at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

12:30 - 12:45 Q & A

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**

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14:00 - 14:30 **British-born Chinese in the Armed Forces 1914-1918.**
Alastair Kennedy, Researcher at the National Archives

14:30 - 14:45 Q & A

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15:00 - 15:30 **Conflict and Cultural Exchange**
Robert Fleming, Templer Study Centre Manager, National Army Museum

15:30 - 15:45 Q & A

Exhibition Opening Ceremony

The Refectory, Regent's University London

16:00 - 18:00 **Welcome Addresses**
Professor Simon Jarvis, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Regent's University London
Priscilla To, Director-General of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London
Counsellor Lu Haitian, Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Paula Wilkinson, Grant Officer, Heritage Lottery Fund
Dean Chungwen Li, BCAFH Project Co-Investigator, Ming-Ai (London) Institute

Day 2 Thursday, 6th July 2017

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration and Refreshments**

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

10:00 - 10:30 **Between Condescension and Contempt: China and the Allies in the First World War**
Dr Frances Wood, Author of *Betrayed Ally: China in the Great War*

10:30 - 10:45 Q & A

11:00 - 11:30 **The "Unbearable Lightness" of the CLC Diaspora**
Luc Ferrier, Founder and chairman of the Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation

11:30 - 11:45 Q & A

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch Break**

Herringham Hall, Regent's University London

13:00 - 13:30 **The Making of De-politicized Professionals: the Hong Kong Chinese Servicemen in the British Military, 1881-1997**

Dr Kwong Chi Man, Assistant Professor of History Department, Hong Kong Baptist University

13:30 - 13:45 Q & A

14:00 - 14:45 **Roundtable Discussion**

Robert Fleming, Templer Study Centre Manager, National Army Museum

Graham Hutchings, Principal at Oxford Analytica

Bernard Williams, ex Hong Kong Regiment

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14:45 - 15:15 **Tea and Coffee Break**

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15:15 - 15:45 **British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project and Closing Remarks**

Professor Jonathan Liu, Regent's University London

Dean Chungwen Li, Ming-Ai (London) Institute

15:45 - 16:00 Q & A

16:00 **End**

Please note that the above agenda may be subject to change

Further Information



Information collected from British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project is stored online at the British Chinese Heritage Centre (www.britishchineseheritagecentre.org.uk), together with other heritage projects conducted by Ming-Ai (London) Institute.

For further information and feedback please email bcafh@ming-ai.org.uk