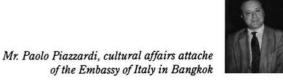
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His Excellency Mr. Stefano Starece Janfolla, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy

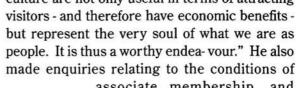


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His Excellency Mr. Stefano Starece Janfolla, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy, visited the Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SEAMEO-SPAFA) on the 28th of May 2001. He was accompanied by Mr. Paolo

Piazzardi, cultural affairs attache of the Embassy of Italy in Bangkok. During a meeting with the centre staff, the Ambassador said that he has been very interested in the cultural affairs of the East, even before leaving Rome to assume his post in Thailand. His Excellency related that he wanted to document the initiatives taken in the field, and he called for more facilitation of scholars to visit Thailand, and assist in conservation projects; as well as for scholars in the region to go to Italy and do likewise. "I am very pleased to learn of the involvement of Pisit (SPAFA Centre Director) in enhancing the value of rock art", he added.

Mr Pisit Charoenwongsa, Centre Director, presented an overview of SPAFA and its work; followed by a discussion. The Ambassador expressed his view that "efforts in area of art and



associate membership, and expressed his wishes for Italy to become an associate country to SEAMEO. Following that, His Excellency asked about the centres funding sources (a SPAFA proposal of co-operation on conservation with the Embassy and Government of Italy was later presented to the Ambassador).





After a tour of the facilities of the Centre, His Excellency Mr. Stefano Starece Janfolla bid farewell, saying: "I leave here with the best wishes for you in your efforts and activities in the worthy cause ...," adding that, "we should remain sensitive to the value of art and culture. and on the way they should be preserved. Thank you again for inviting me here this morning. It has been a real pleasure to get acquainted with the SPAFA staff and with an outline of your activities."

5 April 2001 Leiden, The Netherlands **IIAS Film presentation** 'Told in Heaven to Become Stories on Earth'. A study of change in Randai theatre of the Minangkabau in West Sumatra using visual documentation from the 1930's. IIAS Contact address: Dr W. van Zanten E-mail: zanten@fsw.leidenuniv.nl

11-12 May 2001 Leiden, The Netherlands Changing the Guard, Guarding the Past: Oral histories of the end of colonialism and the birth of new nations in Asia

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6-10 June 2001 Amsterdam, The Netherlands 12th Beeld voor Beeld Festival (Picture for Picture Festival). Film, Video and Photography Festival with special emphasis on Asia.

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7-9 June 2001 Montreal, Canada International Conference on the 'Mahabharatha'

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Fax: +44-20-8312-6722 E-mail: research@nmm.ac.uk Http://www.nmm.ac.uk Deadline for abstracts: 1 January 2001

9-12 August 2001 Berlin, Germany Second International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 2) ICAS2 organizing unit: Prof. Dr Eberhard Sandschneider. Arbeitsstelle Politik Chinas und Ostasiens, Freie Universital Berlin, Ihnestr, 22 D-14195 Berlin, Germany E-mail: sandschn@zedat.fu-berlin.de

2-3 August 2001 Leiden, The Netherlands International workshop 'The impact of new roads on urban and regional development in Southeast Asia; anthropological and historical perspectives' Freek Colombijn, International Institute for Asian Studies. PO Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands Fax: +31-71-527-4162 E-mail: colombijn@let.leidenuniv.nl 6-8 August 2001 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 3rd International Malaysian Studies Conference (MSC3) Organizer: Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA) Mr Foo Ah Hiang, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research. University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Tel: +6-03-7959-3606 Fax: +6-03-7956-7252 E-mail: hifoo@umcsd.um.edu.my Http://www.phuakl.tripod.com/ pssm/homepage.htm

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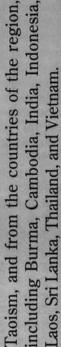
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