

Today, traveling across continents by hundreds and thousands of ordinary people has become a daily routine.

Today, cultural and economical globalization has reached almost all nations and regions and the world has become a small community.

But, when and how these things were started?

Among many other breakthroughs in the human history, 600 hundred years ago, Zheng He's voyages from China to more than thirty nations in Southeast Asia, Middle East and Africa marked a great advance in science and technology, international commerce and cultural interchanges, as well as international politics.

You are invited to revisit and celebrate this historical achievement in a grand event right here in Chicago!

Please join us ...

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Commemoration of the 600th Anniversary of
Zheng He's Voyages

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Chicago • August 6, 2005

The Voyages —



He ZHENG
(1371 – 1435;
Chinese
Ming Dynasty)

In year 1405, Zheng He's first voyage started. Over the next 28 years, as a special envoy of Ming Dynasty's Emperor, Zheng He completed 7 cross-Indian Ocean voyages with a fleet of as many as 28,000 sailors and 200 boats. Starting from southern China, his fleet sailed to more than 30 island and coastal nations in Southeast Asia (such as India and Sri Lanka), Middle East (such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt) and Africa (such as Kenya and Mozambique Channel). Zheng He's 7 voyages had made the following accomplishments:

- *Pioneered transoceanic navigation and demonstrated the science and technology that made it possible.*
- *Opened the "Silk Road" over seas, which had channeled the vast East-West commercial and cultural exchanges afterward.*
- *Fulfilled Chinese Emperor's ambition of demonstrating China's power and exchanging Chinese silk, lacquerware and pottery for jewelries, spices and precious metals from other nations.*

You will be able to learn the up-to-date research results about this history in August 6th's event in MSI, presented by internationally renowned scholars, Professors Jin Wu, Ming Wan and Guy Alitto.

The Treasure Boat —

Representing the state-of-the-arts boat build technology 600 years ago, all boats in the Zheng He's fleet were hard wood ocean sailboats. The largest ones were 125 meters long and 51 meters wide, serving as Zheng He's flagship as well as carriers for treasures, named the Treasure Boats. The Treasure Boats typically had water displacement of over 10,000 tons, with 9 masts, 12 sails, 2 levels of deck in the front and 3 in the rear. Each Treasure Boat could carry more than 1000 crew.

A replica of Zheng He Treasure Boat (1:100 model) has been made by the Quanzhou Maritime Museum in Fujian, China specially for the Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) in Chicago. It will be dedicated to the MSI during the Commemoration of the 600th Anniversary of Zheng He's Voyages event on August 6, 2005, as a gift from individuals and organizations supporting the event.

As one of the most beloved and visited museums in the world with more than 2 million visitors each year, the MSI believes that the Zheng He Treasure Boat replica will be a valuable addition to its 50 famous ship model collections in the "Ships Through The Ages" exhibition hall.



Zheng He Treasure Boat replica to be dedicated to MSI

The Event —

600 Years later, let's revisit and celebrate the Zheng He's voyages here in Chicago in a grand event:

*When – **Saturday, August 6, 2005***

Exactly 600 years since Zheng He's first voyage

*Where – **Museum of Science and Industry***

5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

A prestigious museum where human intelligence of the past, present and future are encompassed

A vibrant metropolis where international cultures merge

Special Lectures (4 PM – 6 PM), Auditorium

Zheng He's Voyages as Perceived by Western Scholars

Dr. Guy Alitto, Professor, Department of History

Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

East-West Cultural Exchange in Zheng He's Era

Ms. Ming Wan, Director and Professor

Ming Dynasty Research Section, History Institute

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Science and Technology Applied in Zheng He's Voyages

Dr. Jin Wu, Fellow, U.S. National Academy of Engineering Professor,

Department of Hydraulic and Ocean Engineering

National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan

Dinner Banquet (6:30 PM – 9 PM), Rotunda Hall

Dedication of Zheng He Treasure Boat Replica to Museum of Science and History

*Keynote Speech: **Contribution of Zheng He's Voyages to the World***

***History**; by Dr. Jin Wu*

*Keynote Speech: **Economy Globalization and Cultural Melting Pot***

Executive officer from a local major corporation (IBD)

The Speakers —

In the Special Lectures, the most up-to-date research results about the Zheng He's voyages will be presented by internationally renowned scholars, Professors Jin Wu, Ming Wan and Guy Alitto.

Jin Wu: With his Ph.D. degree in Mechanics and Hydraulics from University of Iowa, he is an internationally renowned researcher in oceanic science, a member of both the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the Academia Sinica, Taiwan. He was former Minister of Education in Taiwan, and former President of National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan. Currently Dr. Wu is a Distinguished Professor of Hydraulic and Ocean Engineering, National Cheng Kung University and H. Fletcher Brown Professor Emeritus of Marine Studies and Civil Engineering, University of Delaware.

Ming Wan: Professor and Director of Ming Dynasty Research Section, History Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Vice Secretary General, Chinese Society on Ming Dynasty History; Secretary General, Chinese Society for Historians of China's Foreign Relations. She has pioneered studies on the emergence of cultural and commercial exchanges between Asia and Europe through "Silk Roads" on the sea, as a result of the Zheng He's voyages.

Guy Salvatore Alitto: Professor of Department of History and Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. degree in Harvard University in 1975. His specialties include modern Chinese intellectual and social history and the Chinese communist movement. He is especially interested in the connections between political/social realms and the intellectual/cultural as manifest in specific individuals and local cultures.

The Contributors —

Please join many other individuals and organizations to participate in the Event and contribute to its success. Organization for Commemoration of the 600th Anniversary of Zheng He's Voyages is a not-for-profit, non-partisan and publicly supported organization. Contribution to it may be exempted from the federal tax according to IRS code 501(c)(3). Contact us at: Zheng_He_Organization_Chicago@yahoo.com.

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