

Dear Colleague:

This past year **Moran Micropublications** continued its work of making unique historical materials available for research in cooperation with archives, libraries and other institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere. With this newsletter we take the liberty of informing you a bit about some important new or recent publications, for which complete details can be found on our website:

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Sidewalk monument to the Dutch East India Company (VOC), Tokyo sidewalk, Ginza. Photo Moran Micropublications (see below right)

New on microfiche in cooperation with the National Archives of the Netherlands, The Hague

Archive of the State Commission for Slave Emancipation in the Netherlands colonies, 1853-1856

Although slavery had been abolished in the British colonies as early as 1833, it persisted in the Dutch possessions in the East Indies and particularly their West Indies colonies of Surinam and the Antilles, which were plantation economies. No serious voices were raised for emancipation in either government circles or public opinion until the publication of Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in the United States in 1852. Questions in the Dutch Parliament concerning the colonial budget for 1854 led the government to appoint a State Commission in November 1853 to investigate the situation of the slave population in the colonies and propose appropriate measures. Former minister of the Colonies and governor-general of the Netherlands East Indies, J.C.

Baud, was named chairman and the members were drawn from the colonial civil service, parliament itself and representatives of commercial interests involved in slavery, including plantation owners. The commission gathered material, heard witnesses and eventually produced two reports in September 1855 (on Surinam) and July 1856 (on the West Indies). Slavery was finally abolished on 1 July 1863.

New on microfiche in cooperation with the Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden

Papers of Colonial Advisers on Politics, Culture and Religion in the Netherlands Indies, c. 1895-1949

Now available are the papers of three prominent colonial civil servants who advised the government of the Netherlands Indies on matters relating to Islam, indigenous culture and languages, education, politics and nationalism in pre-independence Indonesia. These collections include papers in Dutch, Indonesian, Arabic, some Jawi (Indonesian in Arabic script), and Javanese, among others.

Part 1. Papers of Godard Arend Johannes Hazeu (1870-1929), period 1895-1929

Part 2. Papers of Emile Gobée (1881-1954), period 1908-1951

Part 3. Papers of Rudolf Aernoud Kern (1875-1958), period 1896-1955

The Vernacular Press in the Netherlands Indies, c. 1855-1925

Unit 2: *Bintang Soerabaia* [The Surabaya Star] years available: 1887-1890, 1899-1905, 1913-1919 This business newspaper in (overseas) Chinese hands was published in the Malay language (Indonesian) in Surabaya, the commercial capital of the Netherlands Indies, between July 1887 and 1924. It is exceedingly rare. The above years have survived and are available from Moran.

Some historical anniversaries and Moran

2009 marks the 400th anniversary of relations between the Netherlands and Japan. Source materials on Japan available from Moran include:

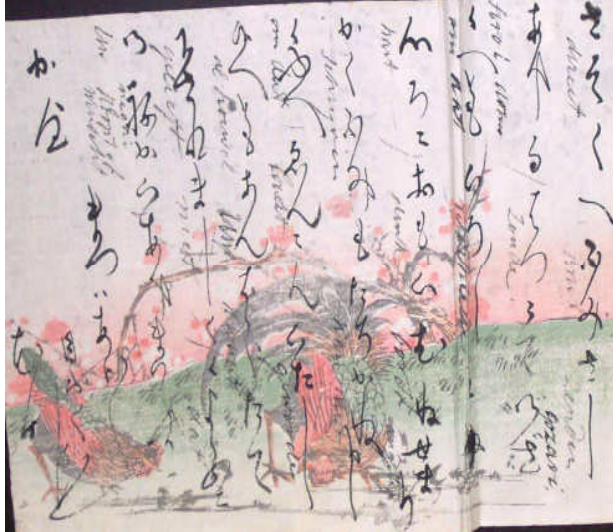
Dutch Trade in Asia

Part 1: Papers of Hendrik Doeff on Japan and the East Indies, c. 1800-1835

(continued on reverse)

Part 2: Papers of Jan Cock Blomhoff on Japan, c. 1817-1829

An intriguing part of this collection is formed by the letters written to Blomhoff in Japanese (almost completely in hiragana script) by (or for) a woman, presumably his mistress, a woman called Hana, who addressed him as "Captain" ("Kapitan" or "Mr. Ka").



Detail from letter, photo Moran Micropublications (the microfiches are black/white)

December 2009 also marks the 60th anniversary of the transfer of sovereignty from the Netherlands to Indonesia. Moran has a large selection of sources on Dutch colonialism and the struggle for Indonesian independence, including:

The Indonesian Hajj: The Pilgrimage to Mecca from the Netherlands East Indies Archive of the Dutch Consulate at Jeddah, 1872-1950 and Vice-consulate and Medical Officer at Mecca, Saudi Arabia, 1937-1950



Indonesian pilgrims on the hajj. Photo courtesy of University Library Leiden, Oriental Library, call no. oi-d-47 (not in the microfiche collection)

Finding Aids for Dutch Colonial History from the National Archives of the Netherlands

(3 parts available)

The Dutch Political Conflict with the Republic of Indonesia, 1945-1949

Part 1: Documents from the Secret Archives of the General Secretariat of the Netherlands Indies Government and the Cabinet of the Governor-General
Part 2: Dutch Civil Administrators..., 1933-1962
Part 3: The General Commission for the Netherlands Indies, 1946-1947

Women in the Netherlands East Indies

Part 1: The Archive of the Colonial School for Girls and Women, The Hague, 1920-1949
Part 2: The Kartini-schools for Girls: the Archive of the Kartini Fund, 1912-1960

Science in a Colonial Context (3 parts available)

The Colonial Economy in the Netherlands Indies

Part 1: The Commission to Investigate the Sugar Manufactories on Java, 1854-1857
Part 2: The Commission for Industrial Development in the Netherlands Indies, 1915-1926

Travels

In March 2009 Moran attended the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) meeting in Chicago and in October the Frankfurt Book Fair for discussions with trade colleagues.

With kind regards and season's greetings,

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