

Dear Paul,

Thanks for your message and sorry for not replying earlier. I have been travelling intensively in the last two weeks.

The abstract of this article is in the e-journal, page 162, I am sending it to save your time:

In Search of Chinese Rice Merchants in French Cochinchina
尋找法屬越南南方的華人米商

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The rice trade has been described as a Chinese monopoly in Vietnam throughout the colonial period until 1975. Seeking to test this commonplace assumption, I try to chart the trajectory of the Chinese rice merchants from the high colonial period to 1950. It seems that far from having a strangle-hold on the economy throughout the previous century, local Chinese rice merchants enjoyed but three decades (c. 1900–1928) of dominance, and even in this period they shared the rice trade with the French. Before this period, rice milling and export was largely in the hands of Chinese from Singapore and Hong Kong, while after 1930s the rice trade was a story of unrelieved decline from early in that decade. These changes had serious implications for the leading Chinese capitalists in Cochinchina—the rice merchants.

Regards,

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