



Call for Papers!

Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Incorporated (CHINA Inc.)

in association with

Chung Wah Society's NT Chinese Museum

The 9th CHINA Inc “no fuss” Conference

Northern Gateways: Chinese Heritage and History in Northern Australia

Darwin, Northern Territory – 20th to 23rd September 2024

On 5th August 1874, the SS *Vidar* arrived in Port Darwin with 186 indentured Chinese labourers onboard. To mark this sesquicentenary of Chinese settlement in the Northern Territory, the Chung Wah Society's NT Chinese Museum will be co-hosting the CHINA Inc 2024 biennial conference in Darwin.

Under the broad theme *Northern Gateways: Chinese History and Heritage in Northern Australia*, the conference aims to explore sub-themes relevant to the Chinese in north Australia, such as ports and travel routes; overland routes; the railways; tropical settlement; remote adaption; community integration; marriage opportunities and family formation including with Indigenous people. Special sessions will be reserved for papers within two sub-themes: “Objects as tellers of history” and “Chinese families and Chinese family history”.

As with previous CHINA Inc. conferences, this is a forum and networking opportunity for history and heritage researchers, archaeologists, academics, museum and collection managers, family historians, and emerging scholars. It will also be a perfect opportunity to visit Darwin and the Northern Territory, including the NT Chinese Museum, “Hall of Ranking Sages” Temple, World War II exhibits, and the city's various cultural institutions. Abstracts (300-500 words), including title and author (s) name, institution/affiliation (if any), and contact details, for a 15-minute presentation should be sent to the address below. It should be accompanied by a brief bio. The intention is to publish selected papers in a conference proceedings volume.

Key Dates

1 March 2024 Due date for submission of abstracts of papers.

1 June 2024 Publication of preliminary conference program.

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