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NOTICE OF EVENING PRESENTATION

Wednesday, 20th March 2019, 7 to 9 pm

Venue: Conference Rooms, Accent Inns, Burnaby
3777 Henning Drive, Burnaby V5C 6N5 Tel: 604-473-5000

Topic:

China's Engineers: from Li Bing (3rd Century B.C.) to today

Speaker:

Professor Diana Lary

Professor of History, Emerita, University of British Columbia
Senior scholar, Centre of Chinese Research, Institute of Asian
Research, UBC
Member, UBC Hong Kong Studies Initiative



Excerpt....

Li Bin designed the flood prevention/irrigation system at Dujiangyan in the 3rd Century B.C. It is still in use today. It is one of China's greatest engineering projects. It was followed by the Great Wall, the Yellow River dykes, the Grand Canal and many other mega-projects. In the Far West of China, the Turfan irrigation system has turned desert in to a rich fruit growing area. In recent times huge dams have been built, an extensive rail system built, and artificial islands constructed in the South China Sea. Despite this engineering brilliance, no later engineer has achieved the fame that came to Li Bin. I will discuss the role of engineers in Chinese history and present.



Speaker BIOGRAPHY

Diana Lary is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of British Columbia. She completed both her degree and PhD at the University of London. She has spent several years in China, the first-time teaching English (1964 to 65) and later working as the resident sinologist in the Canadian Embassy in Beijing (1985 to 87). As a Professor in Canada, Lary has focused on modern China, particularly on the impact of warfare on Chinese society. She also works on Chinese migration, within China and outside the country She has travelled extensively in Asia and spent long periods doing research in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

No Registration Required:

50 seats are available, *first-come-first seated*. This event is provided **free of charge**, includes a coffee/snacks table and welcomes all interested **members and guests**.

Excellent opportunity to network among multi-discipline engineers and others!