

Publications of Chinese Associations and Chinese Overseas Studies

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The publications of Chinese associations play a significant part in the Chinese Overseas Collection (COC) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Published by Chinese immigrant organizations, they are a primary source for studying Chinese overseas. Although the COC is rich in scholarly works to support the study and research of the University's community, it also acquires the first hand data. The materials of Chinese associations contain rich narratives of Chinese immigrants and their organizations. There are numerous such Chinese associations in Southeast Asia and North America. Early settlers formed their organizations based upon common identities of dialect and locality in immigrant societies. Their organizational publications not only reveal much of their immigrant history and development in host countries, but also their interactions with emigrant villages in China. This article will enumerate and analyze such collections and their significance to Chinese overseas studies.