

**The Law Issues on Heritage for Chinese in Batavia: some case studies
on the archives of Minutes of the Board Meetings of the Chinese
Council in Batavia**

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The heritage of Chinese in Batavia related to a lot of law issues during the 18th to 19th centuries. There contained the jurisprudence of Netherlands India and the jurisprudence of China, including both sides of the law of marriage, heritage and unwritten law, as well as the regulations of lineal and collateral heritage and so on. On the basis of inspecting and analyzing some the topical cases about heritage of Chinese in Batavia which recorded in the Archives of Minutes of the Board Meetings of the Chinese Council in Batavia during this period, this paper will discuss the conflicts and approbations of both jurisprudences on heritage of Chinese in Batavia, and the utilization of rule of law under different instances and conditions. The aim is from one profile in deep-going to understand and realize the truth of social life of Chinese in Batavia at that time.