

# A HISTORY OF THE THAI-CHINESE

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The Chinese in Thailand have sunk deep roots and shared a rich history with Thai peoples at all levels. How and why this happened has been an inspiration to Chinese and other communities in the region for a long time. But no book illustrates and explains this phenomenon as well as this one. Its insights into what the Thai-Chinese have contributed to their country as Sino-Thai are the most illuminating I have read and should reach the widest audience possible.

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The success of Southeast Asia remains a key mystery. One key to solving this mystery is to study the role of the Chinese diaspora. No country in Southeast Asia has been as successful as Thailand in integrating its Chinese community. This book provides deep insights into this process and should provide illuminating reading for anyone interested in Southeast Asian success stories. It is a must-read.

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*A History of the Thai-Chinese* does a splendid job of filling the long-neglected gap in the studies of the ethnic Chinese in Southeast Asia. The anomalous history of the mysterious ethnic Chinese of Siam has been thoroughly investigated in the most meticulous and comprehensive manner by Pimpraphai Bisalputra and Jeffery Sng. This masterpiece has truly opened a much needed and much anticipated new horizon in the studies of the Chinese diaspora.

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