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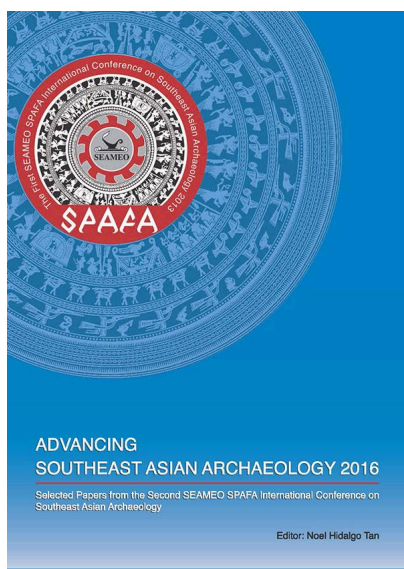
SEAMEO-SPAFA, a regional centre established by SEAMEO (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization) to study archaeology and fine arts, has recently published the **proceedings** of the **2nd International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology**, held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2016. The 2nd International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology was organised to recognise a **growing interest in the archaeology of Southeast Asia**, to further advance archaeological research, exchanges of new knowledge and stimulate the growth of fresh generations of students and teachers in archaeology and related fields. The Southeast Asian region is deep in history. It has always been a hub of global exchanges of goods, people, and ideas that still need

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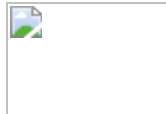
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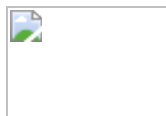## 3rd SEAMEO SPAFA Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology

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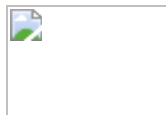29 FEB 2024

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