THE EARLY KAPITAN CHINA IN THE MALAYSIAN STATE OF SABAH, 1887–1946*

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摘要

华人甲必丹是一种最早存在于沙巴州华人社会里的领导机制。它是于1887年由北婆罗州（特许）公司所提出，作为沙巴州华人与政府之间的中间人。华人甲必丹的职位也是第一份受政府承认以作为领导华人社群的职务。本文旨在探讨沙巴州华人甲必丹，其职务早期的进展，看它如何从1887年的一位甲必丹增至战前的至少五位，但这些却是未被政府承认的。另外，本文对于此职务于二次大战之前，华人甲必丹和华人其他领导机制的关系进行了一番探讨。本文的最后部分，是针对战后数年的此项要职提供一个简介。

The Kapitan China institution was for some time an important feature of Chinese leadership in Southeast Asia. While scholars have disputed the origins of this institution, it is believed that the position was first introduced by the Portuguese in Malacca shortly before the turn of the seventeenth century. After Tin Kap, the

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