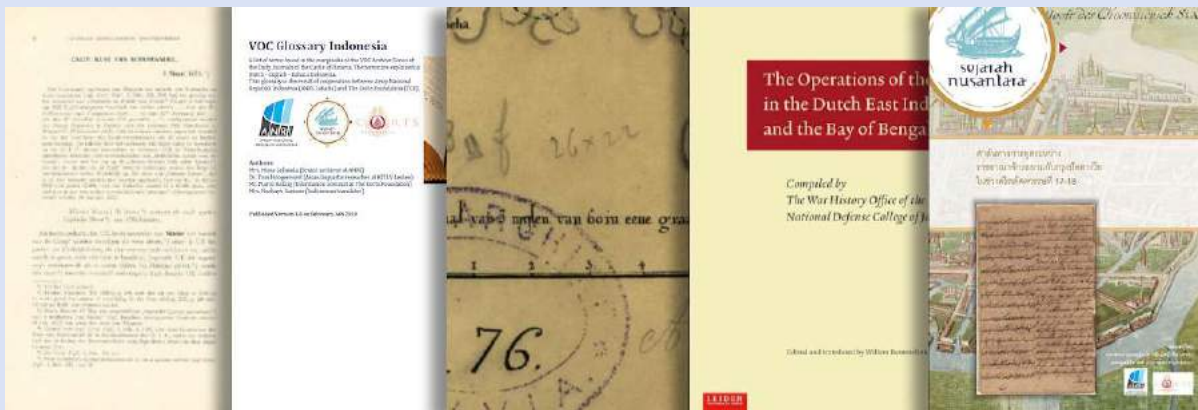


The Corts Foundation is delighted to present this news letter in which we inform you about the recent results of our projects.

The main focus of the foundation is to support projects and initiatives concerning the archives of the Dutch East India Company in the 17th and 18th century, and the history of World War II, especially the Japanese occupation of Indonesia and the Dutch-Indonesian war.

The following milestones have been achieved and presented in this news letter:

- Online PDF publication of three volumes of dr. F. de Haan's '*Oud Batavia*' with full text search capability and downloads
- Online PDF publication of four volumes of dr. F. de Haan's '*Priangan*' with full text search capability and downloads
- Research preparations of the English translation of the third Senshi Sōsho volume
- Re-publication in PDF of six volumes of '*Corpus Diplomaticum*' with full text search



Summary

Current projects as “Senshi Sōsho vol. 34/ 5” and “Enriching the TCF- website” continue according to project planning. Since our last newsletter in August 2019 the following progress has been made for both projects.

We are concluding the Senshi Sōsho project regarding the Japanese invasion in the former Dutch East Indies by research and editing of the Japanese activities in Northern Sumatra and the air force operations all over the Indies. For this reason, we only focus on Sumatra and Java in particular, as other parts of these volumes concern areas outside today's Indonesia. We finalized chapter 4 of Senshi Sōsho volume 5 (“Operations in Burma”) and are halfway chapters 1,2,3 and 4 of Senshi Sōsho volume 34 " Army Air Drive to the Southern Pacific Area". This last volume deals with the success of stepping-stone operations.

In addition of our earlier publication last year of the map collection by dr. F. de Haan, former “Landsarchivaris” (national archivist) from 1905 till 1920, we have now published his additional works “Priangan” and “Oud Batavia”. Following the full online publication of the six volumes of Corpus Diplomaticum (in August 2019), we have managed to publish all these works online fully text searchable and with free download!

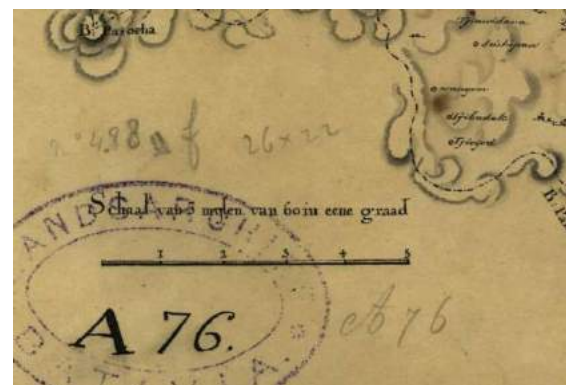
The legacy of Dr. F. de Haan, former “Landsarchivaris” of the Dutch East Indies

Frederik de Haan was born in Leeuwarden on 22-7-1863. After acquiring his promotion cum laude at Utrecht University of classical literature, he left for the Dutch East Indies in 1892. There he started to publish articles in the journal of the Bataviaasch Genootschap. He was so frequently present in the national archives doing his research for the articles that eventually he obtained two assignments to work for the archives.

First, he worked on the inventory of the archives, and from 1900 onwards he started researching the organisation of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) with the regents in the Preanger area, the hinterland of Batavia. De Haan had published a few history articles and these led to his immediate appointment of national archivist in 1905 succeeding the deceased archivist J.A. van der Chijs. The talented scholar became a colonial historian. He was known as a modest man, a scientist with an enormous work ethics, but also a difficult personality to work with and his archival period ended with several conflicts in 1920, after which he returned to Holland in 1922. In line with his vision that an archive must be studied and used, otherwise it being of no value, he mostly focused on research and publication during his archival position. And he achieved remarkably much in that area. Between 1910 and 1912 his 'Priangan. De Preanger-Regentschappen onder het Nederlandsch bestuur tot 1811' was published. These four volumes contain a selection of written archival sources from the 17th and 18th century, regarding the Priangan area, and these sources have been provided with extensive introductions and comments. This Magnus Opus was followed by putting from 1919 till 1922 together three volumes of Old Batavia. De Haan died in his home country on 16-8-1938.

The map collection

After being appointed as national archivist in 1905 he continued the work started by his predecessor Van der Chijs. Some of the 17th and 18th century maps were already extracted from the archival series of so-called ‘Appendices to the Resolutions’ to form a separate collection and De Haan proceeded and finished this task. He added an inventory of the map collection to the archives and in the introduction of this inventory he explains how he came about to accomplish this.



The collection encompasses 1175 maps and their data of mostly land surveying maps of Batavia and their surrounding lands which provide insight into the use of land and division of plots at the time.

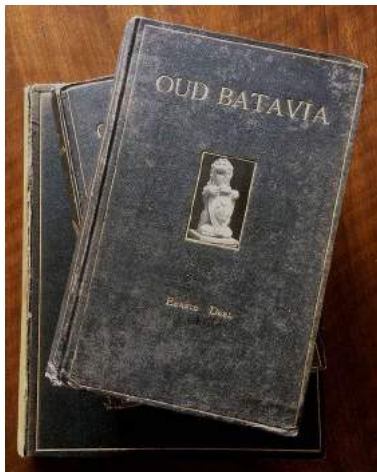
In collaboration with the Arsip Nasional R.I. The Corts Foundation published this famous map collection last year online on the Indonesian website Sejarah-Nusantara.

The maps are published at: <https://sejarah-nusantara.anri.go.id/maps-de-haan/>

Today, The Corts Foundation also republished the early 20th century volumes of “**Oud Batavia**” and of “**Priangan**”. Both series are rescanned and made available on line with full text search and free downloads.

Oud Batavia

Four hundred years ago in 1619 Batavia was founded, an important event in the history of Indonesia. Eventually the city turned into the current capital of Jakarta. The founding of the city was commemorated in 1919 when the Dutch “Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen” (society for art and science) commissioned dr. De Haan to write a study about the city based on the archives. A variety of articles with different topics were written by De Haan during the next three years, for example: construction and later development of the old city center of Batavia, description of its inhabitants, statistics of population, and religions.



The three volumes (together 1330 pages) were published finally in 1922 and encompass in total 1330 pages. The third volume contains mostly scans, images and photographs. A second edited edition was published in 1935. The 1922 edition has been rescanned (including OCR text recognition) by The Corts Foundation and made available online with full text search. Each volume is separately shown in PDF format and downloadable.

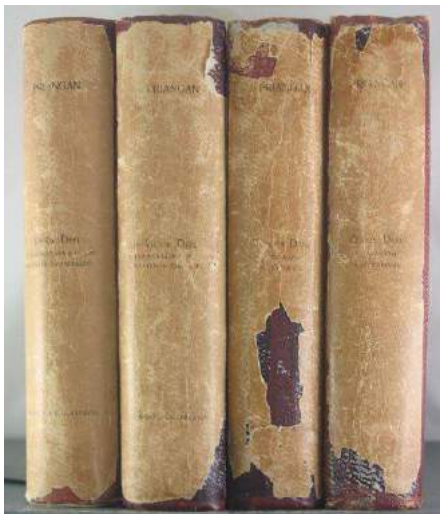
Read more at: <https://www.cortsfoundation.org/news/178-october-2019-three-volumes-oud-batavia-by-de-haan-available-online>

Priangan

These volumes (together 3871 pages) were published between 1910 and 1912 and form an extensive description of Batavia and the hinterland, being controlled and managed directly by the Dutch in the 17th and 18th century. De Haan’s assignment was to conduct *'a historical research to the origin and the development, the working and the consequences of the organization of Preager regents by the Dutch East India Company'*. Geografically speaking it concerns the central part of Java, where Batavia (Jakarta) was situated, and that was controlled and managed by the Dutch with regents.

De Haan elaborates by discussing among others the local history, voyages and discoveries, the cultivation of coffee, population statics, and the armament of European soldiers of the Dutch East Indian Company. It is as *"Each thorough dilatation of our "ancient regime" will be beneficial for the future"* (E. de Waal, first volume).

Read more at: <https://www.cortsfoundation.org/news/180-november-2019-four-volumes-priangan-digital-available>



Corpus Diplomaticum

In our news letter of August 2019 we already mentioned the online publication of the six volumes of Corpus Diplomaticum on the Indonesian website of Indonesian website Sejarah-Nusantara at: <https://sejarah-nusantara.anri.go.id/corpusdiplomaticum/>. This publication has a database with descriptions of all the individual contracts. But in order to have a full text search option, we decided to use existing PDF versions of these volumes, add OCR text and republished them on our own website.

Read more at: <https://www.cortsfoundation.org/news/165-july-2019-corpus-diplomaticum-digital-online>

The Corts Foundation is a Dutch non-profit organization founded in 2003 with the legacy capital of Kees Corts, whose interest in the Indonesian history led to the support of many interesting projects. The vision of The Corts Foundation is to make an important contribution to the preservation and dissemination of documentary heritage in the field of the History of World War II and Asian-European Relations so as to safeguard information on common and national history.

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