

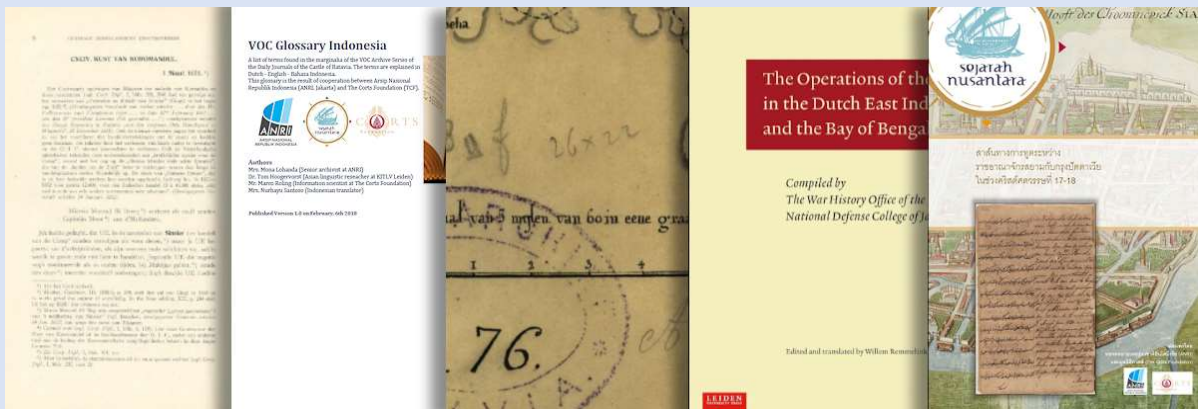
The Corts Foundation is delighted to present this news letter in which we inform you about the achieved results of the past months of our projects in Indonesia, Japan and Thailand.

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:

- Online publication of six volumes of *Corpus Diplomaticum* with a searchable database
- Research preparations of the English translation of the third *Senshi Sōsho* volume
- Open research data added to our website at www.cortsfoundation.org



Summary

Our current projects *Senshi Sōsho* and Digital Archive System at ANRI- DASA continue according to our project planning. Since the last newsletter in November 2018 the following progress has been made for both projects.

For *Senshi Sōsho*, after the successful presentation of translations of volume 26 and volume 3, the preparations for editing the third part of our trilogy of the Japanese Invasion in the former Dutch East Indies are in a final stage. This includes a complete chapter of S.S.- vol. 5 “Operations in Burma” and large parts of S. S. vol. 34 “Army Air Drive to the Southern Pacific Area”. The goal is to present this work by the end of 2020. Also, we have presented the translation of volume 26 to the Dutch Embassy in Tokyo during a visit abroad by the board of The Corts Foundation.

For DASA we published all six volumes of “*Corpus Diplomaticum*” together with a searchable database of all 1193 contracts and combined indexes on persons and places. Already last year we published the first volume, but now this series is completely accessible online for the contracts that cover the period between 1595-1799. More than seven thousand names of persons and places have been published. This publication is the first of its kind to provide historians access to the *Corpus Diplomaticum*.

Senshi Sōsho volume 26 presented at the Dutch Embassy in Tokyo.

After the successful launching of the edited and translated Senshi Sōsho volume 26 in September 2018 at Leiden University, we were hosted this year by the Dutch embassy in Tokyo to present this second Senshi Sōsho publication. The invited audience listened attentively on April 4th, 2019 to the introduction by dr. Willem Remmelink on the naval battle between the invading Imperial Japanese Navy and the Allied Naval Forces on February 27-28th, 1942 in the Java Sea. The publication describes the Japanese Navy's role in the campaign to gain control over the Indonesian archipelago, at that time the largest transoceanic landing operation in the military history of the world. The published volume includes the first complete Japanese analysis of the Battle of the Java Sea, much debated by historians, that ended disastrously for the Allies and opened the way for the Japanese to conquer Java, and subsequently the rest of the archipelago. Dr. Willem Remmelink, as final editor, was responsible for the translation, assisted by an advisory board of Japanese and Dutch experts and staff of the Leiden University Office in Tokyo. The president of the Corts Foundation, Mr. Egbert Jacobs, presented a copy to the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy, Mr. Cees Roels, and Defense attachés of Allied Countries.



Editor's Choice Award for books of 2018

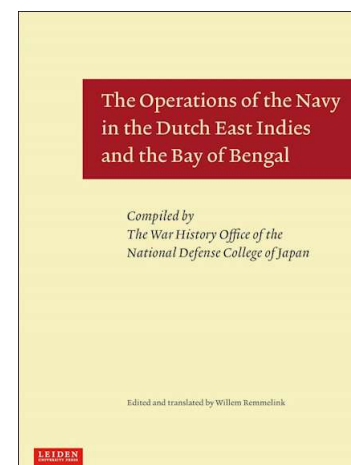
The Senshi Sōsho volume 26 publication was selected and awarded by [Stone & Stone](#) with her Editor's Choice Award for books of 2018.

The recommendation read:

'This English translation of volume 26 of the Japanese Senshi Sōsho series stands out as one of the most important WWII publications of the year. It's difficult to conceive how anyone can understand these operations from the IJN perspective without utilizing this work.'

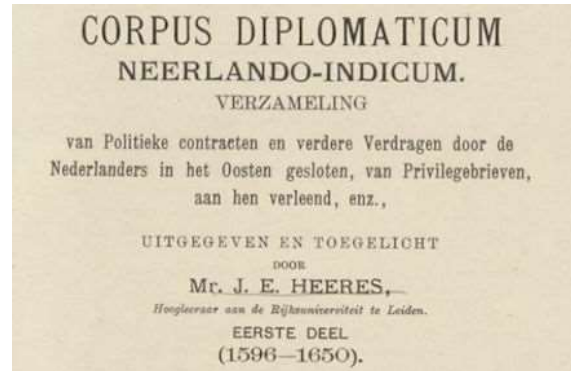
A copy of the work can be downloaded or ordered at:

<http://hdl.handle.net/1887/65910>

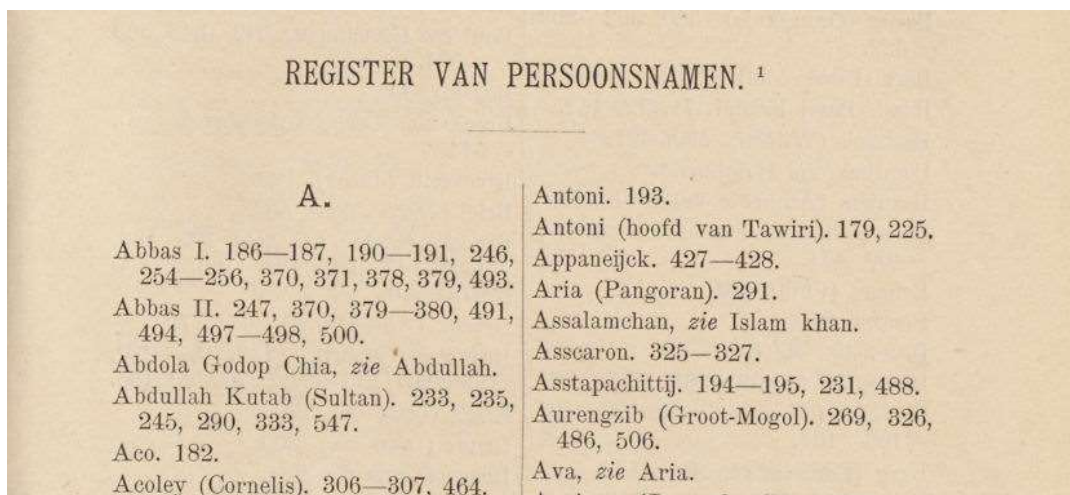


Full online publication of all the six volumes of Corpus Diplomaticum

The *Corpus Diplomaticum Neerlandico-Indicum* comprises six volumes, and was published between 1907 and 1955 by Mr J.E. Heeres and Dr F.W. Stapel at the Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde (KITLV) as a ‘Bijdrage tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde van Nederlandsch-Indië’. These volumes contain a collection of 1193 contracts and treaties concluded by the Dutch in Asia and permits granted to them.



These contract books contain copies of contracts which already in the 17th century were sent from the castle of Batavia to the Republic in the Netherlands. The original contracts were sometimes also sent separately, and can be found in the archive series ‘*Overgekomen brieven en papieren uit Indië*’ [Letters and papers received from the Indies], and also in the ‘*Dagh-Register gehouden int Casteel Batavia*’ [Daily Journals kept in Batavia Castle]. The original contract books overlap in chronology and are incomplete. This is also apparent from a study of the other archive series mentioned.



The Corts Foundation developed an integrated searchable database of all the 1193 contracts together. Also, the indexes on persons and places of each of these volumes are collected together and published additionally to provide access to thousands of names. This has never been done before in this way, and we hope to facilitate new historical research with this unique online publication. It can be accessed at: <https://sejarah-nusantara.anri.go.id/corpusdiplomaticum/>

Presentation of “The Diplomatic Correspondence between the Kingdom of Siam and the Castle of Batavia during the 17th and 18th century” in The Hague

In our newsletter of 2018 we mentioned our publication of 17th and 18th century diplomatic letters that show the unique correspondence between the Royal Court in Ayutthaya (in Siam, present Thailand) and the Dutch East India Company (VOC) at Batavia Castle. This publication in Indonesian and English language offers a rich source of maritime history, as it specifies the old inter-Asian trade network and the close ties in Southeast Asia and between kingdoms in the region in particular. On February 13th, 2019 we were able to conclude this publication by presenting the publication of the letters in the Thai language to Mrs. Eksiri Pintaruchi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand in The Hague.



This publication can be downloaded on our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y9rrrtaq>
Please visit the original scanned letters at: www.sejarah-nusantara.anri.go.id/letters-from-siam/

Open research data added to the Corts Foundation website

Last but not least, we have decided to provide access to the open data of our project deliverables under the appropriate Creative Commons licenses.

We made it easier to download our deliverables, book presentations, peer reviews and articles about our own publications by including them in our webpages on the [DASA](#) and [Senshi Sōsho](#) projects, and on the webpages called [Publications](#) and [Papers](#).

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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