Director’s Foreword

Professor Igor de Rachewiltz was a friend, colleague, and mentor of generations of scholars and students in the history of East Asia at The Australian National University for more than 60 years. For the last few years of his life, it was an honour and privilege that he chose to be based at the Australian Centre on China in the World. Ever supportive and stimulating, Igor’s presence was a joy and an inspiration. It is a great sadness that he is lost to us all, but an immense satisfaction that we have been able to shepherd this last work of Igor’s through ANU Press.

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