BOOK NOTICES


The volume begins with a Foreword by Burton Watson, which is followed by nine essays. The authors are A. C. Graham, Chad Hansen, Hideki Yukawa, Harold Oshima, Victor Mair, Michael Crandell, Lee Yearley, Michael Saso and Hellmut Wilhelm.


There are 9 sections to this volume: Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, and a small section on Overseas Chinese, authored by J. A. C. Mackie, A. C. Milner and Claudine Salmon.

The basic scheme according to which full writing systems are classified by the author is this 2 by 3 matrix, and exemplified by the languages listed below. The volume is handsomely produced and illustrated with 27 figures. Three of the figures concern Chinese, and one is of the Yi syllabary developed in China's southwest.

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This volume is based on the Ohio Symposium on Chinese Linguistics, held at the Ohio State University, March 27-28, 1987. It starts with a preface by Hsueh and an integrative introduction by Tai, which discusses the theme of the volume. There are 10 papers, as follows.


This volume is based on a doctoral dissertation written under the supervision of Zhang Shilu, Department of Chinese, Fudan University.
The bulk of the data is from the Zuo Zhuan. The last two chapters discusses grammar as it related to psychological and cultural issues.


Changyi is in northern Shangdong, near Bohai, while Fei-xian is in the south, toward Jiangsu. Part I of this hefty volume is a table of homonyms in Changyi. A notable development here is a series of interdentals. Part II is a table of homonyms in Fei-xian, where one notes that /v/ is the initial consonant which corresponds to some words which contain /ru/ in Putonghua.

Part III is a lexicon of Changyi, while part IV is a lexicon of Fei-xian. Each lexicon is organized into 32 categories, and is followed by a section of sample sentences. The volume concludes with an index, first by Putonghua, and then by the English glosses.


This is a collection of 35 articles, 19 of which have been published elsewhere. All of them treat the group of dialects called Jin, centering in Shanxi, but also spilling over into neighboring provinces. These dialects are distinctive from other dialects of northern Mandarin by having preserved Middle Chinese tone IV. The articles range over many topics, including socio-historical background, phonology, four-syllable expressions, etc. There are convenient English language abstracts for the articles.