

The head of the Comparative Studies Center “I Deug-Su” greets and thanks the participants and shortly illustrates the line of research that led the Center to deal with Asian Latinities and to develop the series *Hagiographica Coreana* and the *Eurasian Latin Archive* (ela.unisi.it) projects, now contributing to the creation of the georeferenced digital library SERICA of the universities of Pisa and Turin: this platform, by extending the scope of *ELA*, aims at providing the maximum possible documentation in digital encoded form on the grandiose cultural movement that generated between the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries a huge exchange of information between Europe and the Far East animated by the perhaps unrepeatable intention, although originating from purposes initially commercial and religious, of putting in dialogue two great civilizations allowing mutual knowledge.