Record Nr. UNINA9910827316403321 Autore Pak Chi-won <1737-1805..> Titolo The Jehol diary: Yorha ilgi of Pak Chiwon (1737-1805) / / translation with notes and introduction by Yang Hi Choe-Wall Folkestone [England]:,: Global Oriental,, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-26573-7 9786613265739 90-04-21289-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource: map Altri autori (Persone) Choe-WallYang-hi Disciplina 915.1 915.10424 Soggetti China Description and travel Early works to 1800 Korea Description and travel Early works to 1800 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Crossing the Yalu river (Togang-nok) -- Tales from Shengjing (Songgyong chapchi) -- Gateways and garrisons (Ilshin-sup'il). Sommario/riassunto This is the first translation into English of the eighteenth-century Korean masterpiece entitled Yrha ilgi ('The Jehol Diary') by Pak Chiwn (1737-1805). The original text was written in classical Chinese and is a notoriously difficult work to translate. Pak Chiwn diarises the experiences of his remarkable overland journey on horseback from the northern border region of Korea to China's imperial summer residence in Jehol. Having been commanded by King Chongjo, the Korean monarch, to undertake the journey, Pak accompanied the royal envoys in 1780 on their tributary visit to the Chinese Emperor Qianlong, who was celebrating his seventieth birthday. The diary reveals the author's considerable curiosity about everything he sees and experiences: he describes aspects of China's superior material culture, and compares what he sees to be the backwardness of Korean methodology and

uneconomic ways. In addition, the diary provides an outline of his suggestions for Korean social reform and even painstakingly records the daily lives of his fellow travellers, including his two personal

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