

**Some results of the recent survey of the Brāhmī inscriptions  
found in the region of Ancient Kucha**

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Since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Brāhmī inscriptions found in the grottoes and other sites in the region of Ancient Kucha has caught scholars' attention. Despite of several important works such as Prof. Georges-Jean Pinault's edition of the old photographs taken by the French expedition and other materials, there are still numerous caves with inscriptions that remain unpublished or lack a thorough investigation. As a major aim of the collaborative research project directed by the Xinjiang Kucha Research Academy, the Center for Research on Ancient Chinese History (Peking University) and the School of Chinese Classics (Renmin University of China), some results of our recent survey of the inscriptions remained *in situ* will be introduced here in order to illustrate their value from the linguistic, paleographical, and historical point of view.