Introduction of the Sweet Potato into China

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Chinese Yam (山药) vs Sweet Potato (甘薯)

- The confusion of the Chinese yam and sweet potato: Yi wu zhi (《异物志》) and Qi min yao shu (《齐民要术》).

- The discernment of the Chinese yam and sweet potato: Ben cao gang mu (《本草纲目》), Wu za zu (《五杂组》) and Su shi bu zhu (《苏诗补注》).
Two Figures

- Lin Huailan (林怀兰)
- Chen Yi (陈益)
Lin Huailan (林怀兰)

- His record is in local gazetteers: *Dianbai Xian zhi* (《电白县志》) & *Wuchuan Xian zhi* (《吴川县志》) in Qing Dynasty.

- He violated Vietnam rules and took the sweet potato back to China.

- It is recorded in these two local gazetteers that a temple in Lin’s honor, which disappeared in later times.
Chen Yi (陈益)

- His record is in local gazetteer: *Dongguan Xian zhi* (《东莞县志》).
- He violated Vietnam rules and took the sweet potato back to China.
- All of his record is in local gazetteer, which copy from His genealogy.
Other Discussion

- The sweet potato is valuable for survival.
- The sweet potato is imported from other countries.
- The theory of land route from Vietnam is likely to be doubtful, although some clues have been recorded into local gazetteers and genealogies.

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