

## ABSTRACT

This thesis deals with Vietnamese scholar Nguyễn Thuật and his *Diary of Journey to Tiānjīn* (*Wǎng Jīn rìjì* 往津日記; hereinafter *the Diary*), which contains records of the journey of the Vietnamese diplomatic envoy to China in 1883. The aim is to identify the informative values of *the Diary* as well as Nguyễn Thuật's perception of China from a political and cultural standpoint by analyzing the content of *the Diary*. The first chapter provides cultural context of historical events during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The following chapter is the main chapter where Nguyễn Thuật and his *Diary* are elaborated on. The thesis concludes with hypotheses of Nguyễn Thuật's intentions to write his *Diary* and assessment of informative values and thus opens the way to deeper comprehension of the historical development of Sino-Vietnamese relations.