

## **Une ville jurchen au temps des Ming (XIV<sup>e</sup>-XVII<sup>e</sup> siècle) : Huifacheng, un carrefour économique et culturel**

The Huifacheng Site has been occupied by the Haixi Jurchen between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century AD. The archaeological research on this city reveals the way of life of the Jurchen people in the South of the Jilin province during the Ming Dynasty. Living in houses which architectural features and everyday life implements come from local traditions, the inhabitants lived on agriculture, hunting and fishing. The analysis of the building methods and repairing-techniques of the fortifications sheds light on the military function of this city, which held a strategic geographical location. The study of the unearthed artifacts shows cultural influences brought by the Jurchen from South-East Russia and the persistence of shamanic practices. Finally, the discovery of porcelains imported from the Ming Empire shows that this site was integrated into the commercial networks of the Empire, and that the Huifa people were linked to the inhabitants of the Fuyu region, which is the other place of discovery of Jingdezhen porcelains in North-East China.