# NTU-KU Joint Funding Final Report

# [Section 1]

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KU principle investigator	
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Ту	Type(s) of funding applied		
	Funding Type 1 (General Funding) only		
	Funding Type 2 (ECR Funding) only		
$\square$	Both Funding Type 1 (General Funding) and Type 2 (ECR Funding)		

### [Section 2]

### Project title

Differences and Reshaping Meaning of the Intermediaries: Multi-ethnic Cultural Borders and the Circulation of Biocultural Materials in East Asia and Southeast Asia

### Period of project

From dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy

From 2023/04/01 To 2023/12/31

### Summary of the project (approx. 100 words)

Led by Dr. Su-mei Lo and Dr. Tatsuki Kataoka, this project focuses on religious practices, migration dynamics, and cultural revivalism, particularly within multi-ethnic cultural borders in East Asia and Southeast Asia.

The first event was the KU-NTU Joint Workshop on "Differences and Reshaping Meaning of the Intermediaries: Multi-ethnic Cultural Borders and the Circulation of Biocultural Materials in East and Southeast Asia", held at Kyoto University on Oct.23, 2023 to exchange research findings among professors and graduate students of both universities. Dr. Lo and students also visited the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka for examing some Indigenous collection. The second event was the KU principle investigator's visit to NTU, with giving a special lecture titled "Baba Cemetery and Mahayana Chanting in Thailand: 'Chinese' Religions Approached through Thai" held on Dec. 15, 2023 at NTU as well as a joint field fieldtrip to Keelung to witness cultural preservation of the Taiwan Indigenous People.

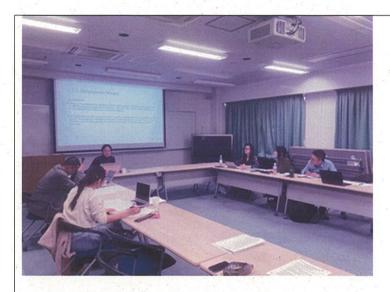
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 KU-NTU Joint Workshop on "Differences and Reshaping Meaning of the Intermediaries: Multi-ethnic Cultural Borders and the Circulation of Biocultural Materials in East and Southeast Asia" at Kyoto University (2023/10/23)







2. Visiting the National Museum of Ethnology (2023/10/24)



3. Exchanges with Taiwan's indigenous Amis communities in Keelung, Taiwan (2023/12/13)





4. The lecture and discussion session at NTU (2023/12/15)

Lecturer: Dr. Tatsuki Kataoka

Host: Dr. Su-mei Lo





# URL at which project outcomes can be viewed (Optional)

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1. Exchanges with Taiwan's indigenous Amis communities in Northern Taiwan

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2. The lecture and discussion session at NTU

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# [Section 3]

Visiting ECR*	
Name (last name, first name)	Young, Shau-lou
Position	PhD candidate
Faculty/Department	Department of Anthropology, National Taiwar University
Period of Stay (From dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy)	From 2023/10/18 To 2023/10/27

Host researcher*	
Name (last name, first name)	Kataoka, Tatsuki
Position	Professor
Faculty/Department	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University

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### Achievements and outcomes of ECR stay (approx. 100–250 words)

Before heading to Kyoto University, I conducted preliminary individual research on home gardens practices among the Ifugao People in the Philippines and presented the findings at the "Islands of Good Governance: Indigenous Knowledge and Community Development in the Contemporary Pacific Youth Forum" hosted by the Office of Fellowships for Austronesian Studies, NCCU. Subsequently, I shared these research findings and presented my another research on contemporary millet rituals among the indigenous Tsou community in Taiwan during the KU-NTU Joint Workshop, engaging in academic exchanges with professors and graduate students from Kyoto University and National Taiwan University. Furthermore, during our time in Japan, we visited the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka, where, at the museum's arrangement, we examined indigenous collections from Taiwan and the Philippines in the museum's storage room, and subsequently discussed our findings with indigenous communities in Taiwan and the Philippines.

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- 1. Visiting the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies at Kyoto University





2. Academic exchanges with researchers of the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies



3. A conference at the Center for Southeast Asian Area Studies

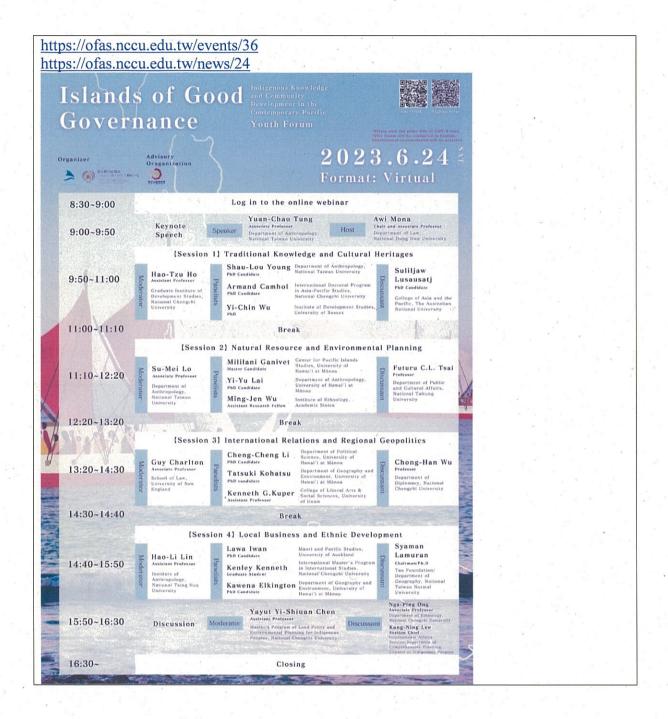


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Presentation at the Islands of Good Governance: Indigenous Knowledge and Community Development in the Contemporary Pacific Youth Forum

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# [Section 3]

Visiting ECR*	
Name (last name, first name)	Tsai, Wen-wei
Position	Master Student
Faculty/Department	Institute of Anthropology, NTU
Period of Stay (From dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy)	From 18/10/23 to 27/10/23

Host researcher*	
Name (last name, first name)	Kataoka, Tatsuki
Position	Professor
Faculty/Department	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University

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### Achievements and outcomes of ECR stay (approx. 100-250 words)

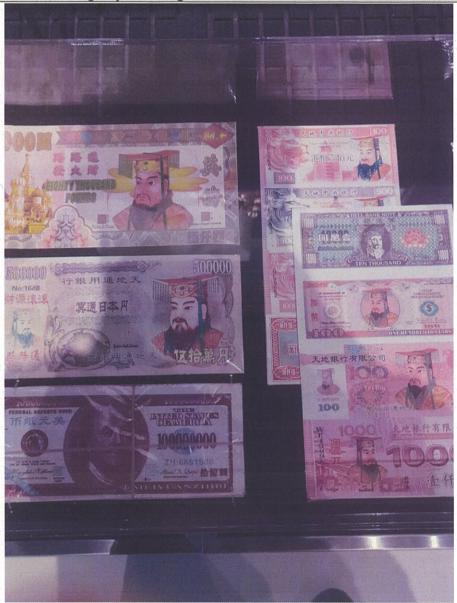
During my ECR stay, I presented research titled "Experience of Migration and Locally Ethnical Life in Payaprai, near Chiang Rai and Shan State, Thailand." This study delves into the life histories of two elderly men within the framework of borderland studies, focusing on their migration experiences and military service across various factions. Their narratives shed light on the influence of diverse stakeholders in the region, including Thailand, Tatmadaw, Chinese Communist Party, Communist Party of Burma, and Republic of China. Such an intertwined position significantly shapes their ethnic identities, impacting their daily lives, attitudes toward contemporary politics, and responses to pressures from different actors in local politics. Thus, these primary materials offer invaluable insights into the historical development of the Thailand-Burma-Yunnan borderlands, enriching existing research on life histories in Southeast Asian borderlands,

After the presatation, I went to National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka. At the exhibition zones of South East Asia and overseas Chinese, I saw many different kinds of materials what I witnessed at borderlands of mainland South East Asia. Besides, something at the exhibition hall of Overseas Chinese were like what I saw in northern Thailand. Through material cultures, I could put my fieldwork into the context of borderlands of Thailand and overseas Chinese.

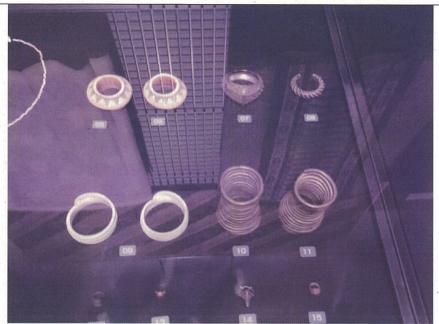
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Different kinds of joss paper, used by overseas Chinese, are similar to what Yunnanese in northern Thailand burning. It was photographed by Wenwei Tsia at National Museum of Ethnology on Oct 24.



Different kinds of bracelets, used by different ethnic groups, are similar to what people around Yunnanese in northern Thailand use. It was photographed by Wenwei Tsia at National Museum of Ethnology on Oct 24.

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Visiting ECR*	
Name (last name, first name)	Jason Jun Hang, Ong
Position	Master student
Faculty/Department	Institute of Anthropology, NTU
Period of Stay (From dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy)	From 2023/10/18 To 2023/10/27

Host researcher*	
Name (last name, first name)	Kataoka, Tatsuki
Position	Professor
Faculty/Department	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University

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#### Achievements and outcomes of ECR stay (approx. 100–250 words)

During my stay in Kyoto, I was glad to participate in a special seminar on Shan in Chiang Mai, which was held by The Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) and also exchange academic information with the students of the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies who are doing their research in Malaysia. Besides, I had the opportunity to present my preliminary research about the annual sea feast of the Portuguese Eurasian community in Malacca during the KU-NTU joint workshop, which was co-hosted by Professor Takaoka and Professor Lo. There were five more graduate students participating in this activity, whose thesis research pertains to the multi-ethnic cultural borders and the circulation of bio-cultural materials in Thailand, Malaysia and Taiwan, respectively. Throughout the event, I have gained a deeper understanding of the potential of different research approaches and the obstacles that each participant faces in their research field. During my time in Japan, I also visited the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka. There are numerous collections in the permanent exhibition hall and the collections are classified according to the world areas where they belong. I was really amazed by the South East Asia collections there, which some of them are from Malaysia and I had never seen them before.

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Personal Presentation in KU-NTU Joint Workshop

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