

2013 SATU Joint Research Scheme Project Report – Project E

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| Project Title | 「東南亞福建義山的調查與研究」 Survey and Research on Fujian Yishan in Southeast Asia |
| NCKU PI / Co-PI | Yi-Yuan,Chen/ Tek-Soon,Lim/ Guan-Thye ,Hue |
| NCKU Host Unit | Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences |
| Foreign Co-PI and Institute | University of Malaya/ Nanyang Technological University |
| Visiting date | 12/9-16/9 |

I. Objectives

This project aims to explore important periods in the history and transnational development of the Minnan people and their culture, especially with a view to attaining a more comprehensive picture of the cultural history of Fujianese immigration in Singapore and Malaysia. Research on the Hokkien cemeteries in other Southeast Asia countries in the past few decades have proven helpful to reconstructing the history of early immigrants from Fujian to Southeast Asia.

II. Collaborative Strategy

Researchers from UM and NTU are responsible for the local investigation, while Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, NCKU will serve as cooperation platform for technical and communication support.

III. Summary of Current Progress in Collaborative Research

After the approval of the project, TekSoon, Lim from the UM research team has initiated some data and samples collection in Kuala Lumpur Hokkien cemetery. Guan Thye, Hue from the NTU research team has also completed a distribution analysis of the cemetery at Bukit Brown, Singapore, as well as the latest findings of another Chinese cemetery discovered during a recent road-developing project. Meanwhile, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences; NCKU has successfully organized The 6th International Workshop on Min Nan Culture on September 16th 2013 and discussed the research and investigation of Hokkien cemetery in Southeast Asia. Researchers invited include Dr. Thock Ker-Pong, Dr. Lim Tek-Soon, Dr. Goh Hong-Ching, Dr. Fan Pik-Wah and Dr. Ching Thing- Ho (UM), Nguyen Chi-Trung (Hoi An Centre For Monuments Management & Preservation), Prof. Lim C.M (Tainan National University of the Arts), Prof. Huang Wen-Chu (National Pingtung University of Education) and Bai Wei-Chuan (National Taiwan Normal University).

IV. Future Perspectives

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| On top of publications, a database will be set up for more completed information about the cemeteries located in Southeast Asia. The investigation is also expected to expand to Hong Kong, Vietnam and surrounded places in order to reveal the historical evidence of the emigration of MinNan people. | |