

COMPLETION REPORT

My field trip allowed me to collect a social network analysis (SNA) data. In this data, we see right wing communities in Japan are easy bedfellows for nationalist Taiwanese and the Tibet, Inner Mongolia and Uyghur movements, as they all share an essential antipathy toward China.

The SNA data suggests that for the Japan Uyghur Association, there exists a different degree of friendship with the four actors that link to it. Based on their level of communications, the friendships the Japan Uyghur Association has with Taiwanus.net and Ganbare-Nippon! National Committee is relatively intimate. This finding echoes those drawn from interviews conducted with activists, which suggest that the activism pursued by Hideki Nagayama is an important bridge, making possible the Japan Uyghur Association's introduction to pro-Taiwan and anti-China groups. Free Tibet Japan may not be active in initiating communications with the Japan Uyghur Association, but whenever it suits its interests, it naturally gravitates toward participating in collective actions with Uyghur activists. Hence, one observes that in Japan these groups coordinate their demonstrations.

Overall, in comparison with Germany and the US, Uyghur activism in Japan is less organized and smaller in scope. Of the three, it is after all the most recent country to see the movement's emergence. Hence, the movement in Japan is far from what could be considered mature. During my field trip in 2011, the movement was still relatively local to Japan and only loosely tied to the transnational elements of the Uyghur movement. However, the fact that the 2012 leadership training seminar took place in Japan implies an intention on the part of the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) to cultivate and empower its nascent affiliate in Japan, and more effectively connect it to Uyghur supporters in other parts of the world.

Schisms and competition among potential Uyghur supporters occur in a number of contexts. For instance, first of all, there are inter-group schisms. The fact there are only two Uyghurs in the Japan Uyghur Association suggests that the Uyghur community is fragmented and internally divided. Hence, the Japan Uyghur Association does not necessarily reflect the interests of the entire Uyghur community in Japan, although WUC recognition lends it legitimacy as its representative in the country.

Second, there is schism and competition between organizations or individuals who are not necessarily Uyghur, but crave to be spokespersons for Uyghurs in Japan. These inter-group and external schisms serve to weaken the WUC's global campaign.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

Verbal Presentation (Date, Venue, Name of Conference, Title of Presentation, Presenter, etc.)

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Presenter: Yu-Wen Chen

Thesis (Name of Journal and its Date, Title and Author of Thesis, etc.)

My research project "Uyghur Diaspora in Japan: Political Activism and Impacts" is a part of my broader project to study the worldwide activism of Uyghur diaspora. Hence, in my following journal publications, even though the titles are about Uyghur activism in general (not exclusively in Japan), I have acknowledged the kind sponsorship of the Sumitomo Foundation.

- Chen, Yu-Wen (2012) The German Debate over the Intake of Uyghur Guantanamo Inmates: A Research Note, *Asian Ethnicity* 13(2): 153-160.
- Chen, Yu-Wen (2012) A Network Approach to the Study of the World Uyghur Congress' Global Outreach: A Methodological Note, *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 17(1): 77-88.
- Chen, Yu-Wen (2012) 'Xinjiang 13' Revisited, *Asian Ethnicity* 13(1):111-113.

Book (Publisher and Date of the Book, Title and Author of the Book, etc.)

In the future (2013), I will publish a book on the Uyghur activism around the world. **One of the chapters will be about Uyghur activism in Japan.** I will send the Sumitomo Foundation this book when it is published.

Chen, Yu-Wen (forthcoming in 2013) The Uyghur Lobby (tentative title).