

## COMPLETION REPORT

### Research Summary

Under the financial support from the Sumitomo Foundation, from April 2011 to April 2012 I carried out the research project entitled: *The Japanese Occupation of Malaya (1941 - 1945) and Its Impact on the Development of Malay Political Consciousness*. Thanks to this research project together with 3 months studying in Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore I have been able to accomplish a variety of academic works as will be reported in detail below:

#### 1. Archival research

During 3 months I had been working at ARI from May to July 2011 I managed to spend time to visit National Archive of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) besides National Archive of Singapore to collect materials (Under the British Colonial Rule Singapore belonged to British Malaya). Over 3,000 pages from these archives have been scanned and then some of which were translated for my research project. The archival research played an important role for my research.

#### 2. Academic works

2.1. The development of Malay political consciousness is the central research problem in my Doctoral Thesis, namely, *The Process of Malayan Struggle for Its National Independence (from the late nineteenth to the twentieth century)*. Therefore, this research project enabled me to address itself to the problem of Japanese occupation which had impacted directly upon the political consciousness of the Malays. It aims at examining and highlighting how Japanese policies politicized Malayan society and the Malays, and how the transformation of Malay political consciousness took place. On the other hand, my research attempts to make clear Malay political consciousness in the interwar years and postwar years in comparison with the prewar period when “the Malays had been the least politically minded of all the peoples of Southeast Asia.”

2.2. In the framework of the research project, I have published:

- One presentation at the International Conference:

Ly Tuong Van, “The Development of Malay Political Consciousness (from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”, paper presented at the international conference of Engaging with Vietnam: A multidisciplinary Dialogue), Hà Nội, 12/2011.

- Two Articles in Vietnamese:

\* Ly Tuong Van, “Nhật Bản chiếm đóng Malaya (1941 - 1945) và sự chuyển biến ý thức chính trị của người Malay” [*The Japanese Occupation of Malaya (1941 - 1945) and Its Impact on the Development of Malay Political Consciousness*] (Published by the support from the Sumitomo Foundation), *Nghiên cứu Đông Nam Á* [*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*], Hà Nội, 11/2011

\* Ly Tuong Van, “Phong trào dân tộc chủ nghĩa ở Indonesia và Malaysia (từ đầu thế kỉ XX đến trước chiến tranh thế giới II)” [Nationalism Movements in Indonesia and Malaysia from early 20<sup>th</sup> century to 1945] *Nghiên cứu Đông Nam Á* [*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*], Hà Nội, 6/2012).

- Two chapters that related with nationalism movements of Malaysia and Indonesia in Tran Khanh (ed.), *History of Southeast Asia. Volume IV: Southeast Asia under the Colonial Rule and the Struggle for*

*National Independences*, The Social Science Publishing Houses, 2012 (558 pages).

### **3. Teaching syllabus**

The latest academic achievement from this research project has been included in my teaching syllabus “Some ways to struggle for national independence in Southeast Asian countries in the twentieth century” (include the Impact of Japanese Occupation of Southeast Asian countries) for the final-year students of History Department and for the students of Southeast Asian Studies.

### **4. Self-evaluation and proposed future research project**

Thanks to the generous support from the Sumitomo Foundation, I have achieved what I had proposed in my research proposal. I strongly believe that the results that I mentioned above will be the success of the project. More importantly, this research project made a great contribution to my Doctoral Thesis as well as my teaching syllabus at the levels of undergraduate and graduate Students in Malaysian Studies and Southeast Asian Studies in general.

In order to examine why the Malay radical nationalists in the Kesatuan Melayu Muda – K.M.M (The Malay Youth Association) decided to co-operate with Japanese Malayan Military Administration in their struggle for national independence in the period of 1942 – 1945 and firstly compare with Vietnam, I plan to apply for another research project named “*The Malay Youth Association in the co-operation with Japanese Malayan Military Administration, 1942 – 1945. A Comparative Study with Vietnam*” from the Sumitomo Foundation by the end of this year.

### **Publication of the Results of Research Project:**

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

Ly Tuong Van, “The Development of Malay Political Consciousness (from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”, paper presented at the international conference of Engaging with Vietnam: A multidisciplinary Dialogue), Hà Nội, 12/2011.

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

Ly Tuong Van, “Nhật Bản chiếm đóng Malaya (1941 - 1945) và sự chuyển biến ý thức chính trị của người Malay” [*The Japanese Occupation of Malaya (1941 - 1945) and Its Impact on the Development of Malay Political Consciousness*] (Published by the support from the Sumitomo Foundation), *Nghiên cứu Đông Nam Á* [*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*], Hà Nội, 11/2011

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