

COMPLETION REPORT

Thanks to the financial support from the Sumitomo Foundation, from April 2012 to April 2013 I carried out my research project entitled: *Unparallel Paths: A Comparative Study of Socio-economic Development in Early Modern Vietnam and Japan*. In the framework of this research project, I have completed the following major works:

1. Archival research and data analysis for research

In March, 2012, I ordered the copy of the archival records relating to Vietnam, including the classical Chinese texts, early modern Dutch and English documents. In the following months my collaborators and I focused on the analyses of sources and documents. The extraction of valuable information from these sources materials enabled me to complete the first drafts of both conference papers and research articles (*see the below part for details*).

2. Fieldwork

In the framework of the research project, I organized three fieldtrips to survey three ancient villages: Dan Loan, Dinh Bang, Phu Luu. These were the most typical traditional handicraft and trading villages which thrived spectacularly during the seventeenth-century Vietnam... Through the surveys we obtained a great deal of information about the socio-economic development in early modern Vietnam which was well utilized in my research papers (*see the below part for details*).

3. Conference presentations

Thanks to the data extracted from the archival sources as well as information obtained from the three abovementioned fieldworks, I was able to prepare 2 drafted papers for conferences, including: “*Land or Rice? A Reassessment of the Nguyễn’s Diplomacy in the Late 1650s – Early 1660s*” (paper presented at the International Conference Nguyễn Vietnam: 1558-1885, Harvard Yenching Institute & University of Hong Kong, 11-12 May 2012); *The English and Dutch Merchants’ Perception of the Eastern Sea during the Seventeenth Century* (The National Conference on the Eastern Sea, Đà Nẵng – Vietnam, 12-13/12/2012). The drafted papers for conferences are now revised for publication in journals and books in the coming months.

4. Research papers

Thanks largely to the research projects, I was able to publish 3 research articles in academic journals (*see the below part for details*).

5. Teaching syllabus

- The preliminary output from the research project encouraged me to teach the course entitled “*Unparallel Paths: Socio-economic Development in Early Modern East Asia*” at the History Department of Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main (Germany) in July 2012. This series of 9 lectures were highly appreciated by the graduate students of history. I plan to lecture this course at History Department of Vietnam National University, Hanoi in the coming semester.

- Also, the updated academic achievement from this research project has been included in my teaching syllabi “Early Modern Globalization and the Vietnamese Integration during the Seventeenth Century” for the Master students, and “Early Modern East Asian Acculturation” for the undergraduate students.

6. Self-evaluation and proposed future research project

I am of confidence that my research project under the Foundation’s generous sponsorship has been successful. My colleagues and I have achieved the major goals we had proposed: 03 journal articles, 02 conference papers, and 01 teaching syllabus.

For the fiscal year of 2013, I plan to apply again for a research project on the comparative study of urban development in early modern Vietnam and Japan: the cases of Edo and Hanoi. If approved by the Foundation, the aforementioned research project will contribute to the establishment of the Department of Urban History at Vietnam National University-Hanoi, the first-ever Department in Vietnam so far.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

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

1. “Unparallel Paths: Socio-economic Development in Early Modern East Asia”

A 45-hour course for the history students of Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main (Germany) in the Summer Semester 2012.

This course is based on the most recent academic result of my research project.

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

Conference papers:

1. “**Land or Rice? A Reassessment of the Nguyễn’s Diplomacy in the Late 1650s – Early 1660s**”, paper presented at the International Conference *Nguyễn Vietnam: 1558-1885*, Harvard Yenching Institute & University of Hong Kong, 11-12 May 2012.
2. “**The English and Dutch Merchants’ Perception of the Eastern Sea during the Seventeenth Century**”, Paper presented at the National Conference on the Eastern Sea, Đà Nẵng – Vietnam, 12-13/12/2012.

Journal papers:

3. “**Global Mass Consumption” during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century as Seen through the ‘Intercontinental Tea Cup’**” *Journal of Historical Studies* (Hanoi, 11-2012), pp. 25-36.
4. “**Manila and the Flow of New World Silver, 16th – 18th Century**, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (Hanoi, 7-2012), pp. 11-18.
5. “**The Dutch Military Involvements in Vietnam during the 1640s**”, *Journal of Military History* (Hanoi, 2,3/2012), pp. 36-47

Books