

COMPLETION REPORT

Memories of Japanese Occupation in a Chinese Fishing Village: A Case Study of Gertak Sanggul in Penang, Malaysia

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The purposes of the research are to record and revisit the memories of Japanese Occupation in Malaya, by study the historical materials and oral history in Gertak Sanggul, Penang, Malaysia:

The research archive the objectives in the proposal. I am very appreciate the grant provided by Sumitomo Foundation which help me to:

- 1) Carried out the cemetery project in the village
- 2) Household survey in the village.
- 3) Find out more epigraphical materials durian Japanese Occupation in Malaysia
- 4) Interview the related persons in Malaysia and China.
- 5) Sharing the findings in International Conference.

The Findings of the research are including:

- 1) The pupils compel to attend Japanese languages school during that period. Some of the intellectual, especially Kuomintang supporters tortured by the Japanese army.
- 2) The villagers hid in mountain at the beginning of the arrival of the army. Later, they might went back to village lived as normal life. For instance, rebuild the temple in the village.
- 3) More historical materials during Japanese Occupation have been found in Penang. For instance, the tombs in Cemetery of Gertak Sanggul, and receipts of burial in Hokkien Cemetery in town.

The grant inspired me to pay more attention of the historical sources founded in Malaysia during the Japanese Occupation. In August 2016, the village that I studied raged by the fire and the eight historical houses destroyed in the fire. In 2015, the household survey had took the photo and recorded the culture elements in the household which burned by fire later. As a new academic staff in the University, the grant also gave me confidence to carry out such research in the future.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

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

- 1) Tan Ai Boay, "Unforgotten identity: The study of Chinese cemetery in Gertak Sanggul, Penang, Malaysia." Paper presented at 2016 The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Science (IUAES) Inter Congress--World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropologic in Public, organised by IUAES, Dubrovnik, Croatia:Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, 4th – 9th May 2016.
- 2) Tan Ai Boay, "Malay and Burmese Minorities in Chinese Predominantly Fishing Village", IUAES Inter-Congress 2015 Re-imagining Anthropological and Sociological Boundaries, Bangkok: Thammasat University, 15-17 July 2015.

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

- 1) Tan Ai Boay, “Good Women” and “Bad Women” – Perception of Local Chinese Women towards Chinese women from China in Gertak Sanggul, Penang, Malaysia”, Asian Education and Development Studies (Scopus) (under reviewed)
- 2) Tan Ai Boay, “Rethink Hakka Study in Penang – The study of Taipekong Belief and Hailufeng Community”, Southeast Asian Affairs (CSCSI) (Under reviewed)

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

- 1) Tan Ai Boay, “Temple, Gods and Spirit Medium – The Inheritance of Transformation of Chinese Traditional Religions in Gertak Sanggul, Penang, Malaysia”, will be published by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing in December 2016.