

Summary Report

This report summaries the progress I have made so far within this year.

1. Literature's Work

Important Work related to my thesis's research-work is read in detail such as [1], [2], [3], [4] and [5].

2. Course-Work

In order to enrich my knowledge towards the study of source materials, I took a course entitled "Method in the Study of Source Materials" offered by Doctor Lǚ Zōnglì in the fall semester. In addition, with the aim of broadening my horizon in historical linguistics, I have been taking a course entitled "Chinese Historical Morphology" offered by Doctor Sūn Jǐngtāo this semester as well. Besides these, with the purpose of developing my third language, I have been taking the course "Reading Japanese for Academic Purposes" since the commence of last academic year.

3. Thesis's Research Work

I have been working on applying inferential statistics to the study of the phonology in the Wei-Chin period by using verse as source materials while I am also preparing my thesis. Immediate results have been presented in the Fifth Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics. My thesis is expected to be finished at the end of May. I have also planned to report the result in the 16th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-16) at the end of May.

4. Academic Achievement outside Campus

With the intension to gain more experience in academic presentation and scholarly research, I have presented a paper about applying inferential statistics in Archaic Chinese phonology [6] in the Joint Conference of the 15th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and 19th Annual North America Conference on Chinese Linguistics in the City of New York last May. Besides this, I have also attended the annual research-forum (ARF) of the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (LSHK) and presented a paper about the development of *lingua franca* of China proper [7] while various suggestions have been collected last December. Enhanced versions of these papers have also been submitted to the organising committees to seek opportunities of contribution to the proceedings.

In order to broaden my horizon, it is essential to gain chances to meet more scholars in the field. Therefore, I have also presented papers about Cantonese linguistics ([10], [12]) in the 12th International Conference on Yue Dialects in Chung-shan last December. Furthermore, recently, another paper about re-analysis in Cantonese [11] has also been presented in the Seventh Workshop of Cantonese (WOC-7) organised by LSHK in April. I have also planned to modify these conference papers and submit to journals for consideration of publication.

During these professional meetings mentioned above, certainly, I have taken these great opportunities to meet the renowned scholars in the field to have exchange in academic ideas, assist in developing my academic career and try to seek opportunities of co-operation in a long run.

Moreover, like last year, my abstract previously submitted to the organising committee of IACL-16 has been accepted for oral presentation. I am going to present my work at the end of May in Peking University.

Last but not the least, my paper [9] presented in ARF 2006 of LSHK was accepted and has also been released recently while another paper [8] was published in the first issue of this year's Journal of Chinese Linguistics.

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