

## Report on Participation in [インド古典学共同指導]

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The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) provided me a scholarship for two months that allowed me to go to the University of Kyoto and to come into contact with international scholars in the field of Indic studies. During April and May 2013 I had a chance to work with such renowned scholars from the university as Prof. Diwakar Acharya, Prof. Yoko Yokochi and Prof. Somadeva Vasudeva who were truly helpful to my own area of interest and made me wish to continue further study abroad.

I have been preparing a critical edition and annotated translation of a hitherto unpublished text called the *Niśvāsamukha* for my proposed PhD thesis. This is a very important Śaiva tantra text which contains much unique material. Extant in a single 9th-century Nepalese palm-leaf manuscript, it is the introductory book prefacing the *Niśvāsātattvasaṃhitā*, which is the oldest surviving Śaiva tantra.

I came to the university at the invitation of Prof. Diwakar Acharya in order to complete my PhD thesis. Once I arrived at Kyoto University, I started reading my text with the scholars there intensively. They offered valuable comments that deepened my understanding of the text. As a result of this, many mistakes in the reading of the manuscript were removed and I learned new ways to approach the text. Scholars there also kindly shared the results of both their published and unpublished work with me. I am extremely grateful to them for their unstinting help. The library of the University was also very helpful to my study. It has rich collection. I could find rare publications which are not available in Nepal. This, in sum, was the fruit of the JASSO grant.

I found Japan to be a beautiful country. It is cleaned and well-organised country. Kyoto is especially beautiful. One can see many beautiful temples which are well preserved. Japan is culturally rich, and its people have preserved the culture, which is very moving thing to experience. People are very kind, disciplined, hard-working, and especially humble. This must be the reason that Japan is a developed country. Living there did not present any difficulty, because Japanese are very helpful. They are ready to help others in any cost.

JASSO is very useful for foreign students who want to come to Japan for a short period. It has been very useful for me. I have been able to complete my thesis thanks to its help. Once I earn my PhD, it should help me to go abroad for further study. JASSO has been very helpful to me in building a career in my field of interest. I am very sure that it will continue to be helpful to other students who can profit from going to abroad for further study.