

[Studies On the *Waiguozhuan* in *Songshi*]

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My Ph. D. thesis will expand from the center of *Waiguozhuan* 外国传 in *Songshi* 宋史. I will attempt to discuss issues concerning its writing, and further discuss the changes in the mindset of the regime of the central plains of China on the peoples surrounding them. Viewed from the plan of my Ph. D. thesis, it is of important meaning for me to had the chance to study in Kyoto University:

Firstly, as a world-famous Chinese studies research center, Kyoto University has many renowned scholars in Chinese studies. They have great academic capability in and unique insights into Chinese history, especially the reforms of Tang, Song, Yuan and Ming Dynasties, and the history of China's borderlands. The professors gave me a lot of advanced suggestion, especially Prof. Hirata Shoji and Prof. Kizu Yozu, the discussions with them from the view of Japanese literature researchers benefited my research greatly. They also offered several chance for me to exchange the ideas with other students in the research room, and I am very glad to attend the workshop about *Chinese Books in Asia* and give a speech named "the Books about Foreign Countries of the Song Dynasty", which is not a traditional historical research by learning from the method of literature studies.

In addition, it is widely known that the Libraries in Kyoto University are important collectors of Chinese literature, which keeps many only existing books and precious books. During this time, I had found several books which was the only existing books, such as *JingongMiaomantu* 进贡苗蛮图. And with the help of Prof. Kizu, I also had the chance to read several Japanese ancient maps, and it is very important for my study on the research of the Great Wall seen in the maps, this will be the next one after I finished my dissertation.

On the other hand, Japanese scholars devoted three decades in researches into the relations of Song Dynasty and its neighbors. However, libraries in China's Mainland have only limited Japanese books and absence of particular books is very often the case. Such as Prof. Sukiyama Masaaki in Kyoto University, has important insight into the issue of China's borderland. As an authority in Mongol History, he has been devoting much to expound "*the Mongol Period history*" that the Mongols regime had insisted when it ruled China. Though it is a pity for having no chance to get some suggestion from him by health reason, but I could read all books of his and the other Japanese researchers before him. Access to the libraries in Kyoto University had no doubt help add to the aspects lacking in prior researches by Chinese historians. By the way, it was the best experience when I was hunting for treasures in the library with help of the excellent staff.

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I think after this program, I will try to improve my Japanese language, and hope to discuss with Japanese scholars more frequently and fluently, I am sure of that it will benefit my studies on Chinese history and literature much better.