Faculty and University
Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies,
Kyoto University

Project Name
On-site Education of Practical Languages for Area Studies

Project Outline
Objectives
1. Teaching the practical language skills necessary to understand and analyze research areas holistically.
2. Enhancing researchers’ intellectual presence through dissemination of the results of area studies research.

Our goal is to provide education in practical language skills truly useful for area studies and to replace the systems currently employed at graduate schools. These can be characterized as either impromptu (“if you go there, you can speak their local language”) or formal classroom learning, which is not always useful. We would therefore send researchers to on-site research institutes and universities appropriate for their field of study, where they can undertake specialized language training for research and the presentation of results.

Characteristics
1. Academic language and vernacular language: In area studies, it is necessary to cultivate a holistic understanding through written materials on politics, economics, history, and theology, on the one hand, and oral materials on popular beliefs, ecology, and agriculture, on the other. Academic language is needed to understand the former, while vernacular language is needed for the latter. Both languages are necessary for area specialists, and through on-site education, this system in practical language training will fulfill both needs.

2. Educational system covering the input and output level: On the input level, the system will dispatch younger master-course students who need to learn local languages to conduct research. Doctoral students in some fields of study can apply for the input level as well. On the output level, the system will dispatch researchers in doctoral courses, post-doctorates, and assistant professors who have already learned local languages and who need to raise their presentation skills in order to disseminate their research results. The languages covered at the output level include English, French, Arabic, and other local languages.
### International Partnership Institutions

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Establishment of the Organization for Area Studies at Kyoto University

Utilization of Competitive Funds

Japan Consortium for Area Studies

Conceptual Scheme of the Project

Japan Consortium for Area Studies

G-COE

Cooperation with 73 Domestic Area Studies Institutes

Center for Integrated Information Studies and Area Studies

Integration of Information Studies and Area Studies

Educational Support

Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Promotion of Area Studies

Center for African Area Studies

Center for Islamic Area Studies

Establishment of the Practical Language Center

Academic Exchange, Research Collaborations, and Cooperative Development of Educational Materials

Establishment of Overseas Bases for Area Studies

Overseas Liaison Offices
(Bangkok, Jakarta)

Field Stations
(Indonesia, Laos, Ethiopia, Kenya, etc.)

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