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Research Institution · Department · Title	Professor, Department of Astrophysics Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University			Location of Institution	Nagoya	
Title of Project	An Observational Study of Expanding Gas Shell in the Galaxy and the Magellanic Clouds					
Abstract of Research Project	<p>Supernova is an explosive event that occurs at the end of the life of massive stars. It is well-known that the supernovae produce heavy elements like iron and eject them into the interstellar space. The heavy elements control the cooling of interstellar medium through their radiative transitions, which affects the gas condensation process to form stars and stellar clusters. In addition, supernovae sweep up their surrounding interstellar gas to form an expanding shell. The expanding shell is likely to induce (or trigger) formation of the next generation stars by compressing the neighboring molecular clouds and/or by fragmentation and condensation of the shell itself. However, observational data are just too few to carry out detailed analysis of the dynamical effects of the expanding shell, and the study of such effects is no better than model calculations based on many assumptions. In this research project, we intend to reveal the distribution and dynamical motion of molecular expanding shells in the Milky Way and the Magellanic Clouds through a complete survey with the NANTEN main and sub-mm telescope of Nagoya University installed in Chile.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to clarify the formation process of stars and stellar clusters in the three galaxies in terms of the dynamical effects of the expanding shells by comparing the physical properties of molecular gas and associated young stars and stellar clusters.</p>					
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Term of Project	Fiscal years 2002-2005. (4 years)					
Budget Allocation (in thousand of yen)	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	TOTAL
	34,400	24,300	21,900	4,200	0	84,800
Homepage Address	http://www.a.phys.nagoya-u.ac.jp/nanten					