The 4th Language Documentation Training Workshop in Miyako, Okinawa
Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, TUFS

Call for participants

We invite applications for participation in the 4th Language Documentation Training Workshop in Miyako, Okinawa to be held in December 2017. This workshop series is conducted by the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA) and is intended to provide training in language documentation in the local context. It is part of the effort to stimulate and support research on endangered languages spoken in Okinawa and also language documentation research in general. The workshop is designed for beginning researchers without much experience in working with Miyako or other Ryukyuan languages.

1. Dates: December 17 (Sunday) – 23 (Saturday), 2017

2. Program:
   The goal of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in various aspects of language documentation research:
   ● Strategies for building a good working relationship with consultants and the community
   ● Collection of different kinds of language data
   ● Processing and management of linguistic data
   ● Collection of socio-cultural data
   ● Developing community-centered projects

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3. Venue:
   Ikema Island, Miyakojima, Okinawa

4. Target participants:
   Advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students without fieldwork experience or knowledge of Miyako or other Ryukyuan languages. **A good command of conversational Japanese is required.**

5. Selection:
   Depending on the number of applicants, prior screening will be held based on the application form (see 8. below).

6. Number of participants:
   About 6 people will be selected from the applications.

7. Participation fee:
   There is no registration fee or tuition. However, participants are responsible for
their transportation cost to Miyakojima and lodging and food costs. We will try to keep the lodging and food costs reasonable by making arrangements for shared lodging and self-cooking.

8. Application:
   Please go to:

9. Deadline for applications:
   The application must arrive no later than 23:59pm, October 5, 2017 (in Japan Standard Time).

10. Notification of selection:
    We will notify applicants of the results by mid October, 2017.

11. For further information, please contact:
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