

## Application Form for Joint Research Project 2010

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1. Project title	
Descriptive Studies on Indonesian Languages: Their Diversity and Similarity	
2. Project term	April, 2010 ~ March, 2014 (3 years)
3. Coordinator	Shiohara, Asako (Role) Coordinator
Sub-coordinator	Kurebito, Tokusu (Role) Collaborator in digital archiving of Linguistic data
4. Number of project members	about 15 members
5. Research Field of joint researchers	Experts on individual languages in Indonesia (Experts on Austronesian languages out of Indonesia and Papuan Languages around Indonesia are also welcomed.)
6. Summary of the project	
<p>This project aims to the development of descriptive studies on Indonesian Languages, and conduct the following two activities.</p> <p>I. To clarify grammatical diversity and similarity among Indonesian Languages, by gathering data and knowledge on Individual languages presented by each researcher.</p> <p>The main topic the project is ‘grammatical voice’, on which typological and historical discussion will be made. Grammatical voice is related to many other grammatical topics such as ‘indication of information structure’ and ‘tense/ aspect/ mood’, so looking into the topic will lead deep understanding of greater part of the grammar of the languages of this area.</p> <p>In addition to the main topic, sub-topic, which would be presented by the participants, will be dealt.</p> <p>II. To conduct a digital archiving of Linguistic data, on which the linguistic research I above will be based on. This activity is conducted, with collaboration from “Documentation and Archiving of Language Data Project” within “Linguistic Dynamics Science Project” at ILCAA.</p>	
7. Aim of the project	
<p>The aim of this project is the following 3 points.</p> <p>(1) Regarding to the main topic (grammatical voice), (i) to share linguistic facts of the individual languages, among participants, (ii) to make clear typological feature of individual languages or language groups in this geographical area, and (iii) to give hypothesis on historical process from Proto-Austronesian to each language of the present stage, and investigate the validity of the established theories (Blust 1993, Grimes 1992, Aron 1990) on their genetic relations.</p> <p>(2) For the participants to share new descriptive/ typological/ historical points of view, and product publications on their own interests in new perspectives.</p> <p>(3) For the participants to acquire the concept of ‘documentary linguistics’, and methods processing their own data, and establish a digital archive in which linguistic data for general-purpose is stored.</p>	

## 8. Significance of the research , especially the significance of carrying out the project as a joint research

Recent research on Indonesian Languages in Japan tends to for an individual researcher to conduct separately, without considering previous studies and present research trends. By sharing knowledge and method, the accumulation of the research result will be enabled, and the maturity of Indonesian linguistic studies will be expected. More specific merits supposed are as follows.

- (1) Various information of individual languages, such as distribution of specific affixes) can be gathered at once in a meeting.
- (2) By knowing other researcher's interest, participants may acquire new points of view, and make utilize them in his/ her research.
- (3) By establishing language archive, data for general purposes are opened to the public, which will be utilized in studies of various domains (e.g., linguistics, anthropology) in the future. And the publication of the data will make the linguistic description based on them more reliable, as their source can be investigated.

## 9. Research results expected

- (1) Papers on the main topic 'grammatical voice'; they may be either joint works or single-authored works mutually related.
- (2) Papers on participants' own interests, desirably, from the new points of view obtained by the discussion in the meetings.
- (3) Archive of the linguistic data; auditory data and text data (transcription, translation, and annotation) corresponding to them is supposed as the contents. Establishing the format and storing the data will be conducted as a collaborative work with DALD Project (in 6). The data will be either published online or stored in HD settled in ILCAA (offline).

## 10. Project plan

This project is scheduled to run for three years. Six meetings for each year are scheduled: three of them are study meeting on 'grammatical voice' or other grammatical topics in which two or three papers (more, if more sub-topics will be presented) will be given, and two of them are workshop on language archiving, in which actual data processing will be conducted, and one of them are international to which researchers abroad will be invited.

### First year (2010)

Each participant will give a survey of individual languages on the main topic 'grammatical voice', and based on that, criteria valid to typological and historical grouping of Indonesian Languages (e.g., existence/absence of individual cognate affixes and grammatical phenomenon, such as topicalization, applicativization, and noun incorporation) will be extracted. In addition to that, various subtopics will be presented depending on the participants interests. Regarding to the language archiving, the format of will be established.

### Second year (2011)

The criteria extracted in the previous year will be applied to the individual languages, and grammatical features of each language will be made clear. Utilizing the findings by that, each participant will settle his/ her own topic related to 'grammatical voice', and conducts research on it. In addition to that, various subtopics will be presented, continuously. Regarding to language archiving, each participant begin processing their own data in accordance with the format established in the previous year. (The format will be modified by accepting the feedback.)

### Third year (2012)

Participants complete their research on their own topic. In addition to that, various subtopics will be presented continuously. Regarding to language archiving, each participant will complete the processing of their own data, and store the processed files in the archive.

**11. Plans to make research results public**

The result of the first or the second year will be published in Asian and African Language and Linguistics (ILCAA, TUFS). The final result will be published a volume of collected papers. If some participants desire publishing the result in other media (e.g., international journals), it will also be welcomed, but in that case, registration of the paper/ book at the Scholarly Repository of TUFS Library (Prometheus-Academic Collections) will be requested, if the author holds copyright.

**12. Documents needed from those applying for joint researchers**

- brief statement about your interest on the topic of this project (about 150 words)