

## Application Form for Joint Research Project 2010

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1. Project title	
Elaboration of Generalized Science of Humanity (= GSH).	
2. Project term	April, 2010 ~ March, 2011 ( 2 years)
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Sub-coordinator	(Name) Makoto Minegishi (Role) Linguistics
ILCAA member	(Name) Koji Miyazaki (Role) Anthropology
ILCAA member	(Name) Koji Shibano (Role) Multimedia database system
ILCAA member	(Name) Ikuya Tokoro (Role) Anthropology
4. Number of project members	20
5. Research Field of joint researchers	Philosophy, Sociology, Anthropology, Classical Studies, Politics, Economy, Linguistics, Ethology, Neuroscience, Genetics, Informatics, etc.
6. Summary of the project	
<p>The remarkable development achieved or to be achieved in the field of technology has changed or is changing the two products of nature on the Earth: Global environment and human mind. We are confronted with many serious problems such as regional or international conflicts, poverty, moral decay in a society or of an individual, destruction of nature, etc. That is why 5 years ago, we have decided to try to establish a new field called 'Generalized Science of Humanity' as one of the specialized field of social and human sciences, a field which should create a platform of cooperative researches of scholars from all natural and human sciences.</p> <p>Specialists of philosophy, sociology, anthropology, classical studies, politics, economy, linguistics, ethology, neuroscience, psychoanalysis, genetics, informatics have participated in our research in order to point out the most important information from each of their specialized fields - most important information in the sense of what kind of good for humankind it will bring about. We have tried to hold in common such kinds of the most important knowledge for the purpose of better planning of future societies appropriate for all humans.</p> <p>The joint research has been put into effect under the five year convention (2005-2010) of scientific cooperation between ILCAA and MSH (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris). It has already produced several important scientific acquisitions that should make up for the deficiency of humanities of today especially by introducing many original points of view of traditional Asian values (Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Islamic, Israeli etc.)</p> <p>The project of the GSH to be on application (2010-2011) will elaborate the GSH itself, through joint research of ILCAA, MSH and other institutions and by two kinds of publication: 1) A book in Japanese for general public and 2) a special volume dedicated to GSH to be published in English and French in the <i>Social Science Information</i> (Maison des Science de l'Homme, Paris).</p>	
7. Aim of the project	
<p>Social and human sciences today seems to have some deficiency in the following three points. 1) A specialized field for synthesis of human knowledge, synthesis which should be established on the basis of all important knowledge of sciences (such as historical biology, anthropology, history of civilizations, neuroscience, ethology, etc.) and from view points integrating Asian traditional values. 2) Renovation of the cognitive conception in social and human sciences by using this synthesis. 3) Elaboration of strategies to use this renewed and integrated knowledge. The objective of our project is, therefore, to make up for the deficiency by integration of knowledge (especially of Asian one) through creation of a platform of joint research of all 'scientists'. In the project in the following two years we will concentrate our efforts above all to fill up the second and third points mentioned above.</p>	

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

Over last two decades, the speed of development in the field of technology has been greatly accelerated and Global changes, taking place accordingly, have brought about serious distortions in human mind and society or Global environments. Taking into account this extraordinary speed and amount of change, it is a desideratum to have a specialized field which accumulate and evaluate from human point of view, especially from Asian traditional points of view that have been rather neglected so far, all knowledge acquired from all sciences.

It should be, however, an extremely difficult and time-consuming, if not impossible, task for an individual to form such integrated knowledge of all sciences. It would be, on the contrary, possible to form it in due time by collaboration of scholars of all fields of science. The direct dialogue of all specialists is thus the unique and sure method by which the GSH could attain the most desired objective for humankind.

#### 9. Research results expected

In France, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (MSH) was created some 40 years ago on a proposal of F. Braudel, who claimed that by bringing together researchers specialized in various disciplines the site would become a privileged place of cross-disciplinary dialogue. In Japan, the Joint Usage / Research Centers (ILCAA included) recently created by the MEXT could share the same aim to promote not only joint researches in the one and the same discipline, but also those of various disciplines. Our GSH project, to be carried out under cooperation between MSH and ILCAA with scholars of various fields, could, making up for a deficiency of today's human and social sciences, transform their cognitive conceptions and create an integration of their knowledge including Asian one.

#### 10. Project plan

Following items will be carried out in our two year project.

- (1) Regular sessions (two times / year).
- (2) Publications : 1) A book for general public (in Japanese), 2) A special volume dedicated to GSH in *the Social Science Information* (Maison des Science de l'Homme, Paris).
- (3) International Symposia: 7<sup>th</sup> (2010) and 8<sup>th</sup> (2011) symposia on GSH (Tokyo). One or two scholars from abroad will be invited to Tokyo each time.
- (4) Paris Workshop on GSH (June 2010, Paris)  
Following the preceding two workshops at Paris (2007, 2008), the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop will be held at Paris with M Aymard, JP Changeux, JL Dessalles, D Lstel, A Reboul, F Taddei, etc. and some Japanese participants.
- (5) Symposium "Formation of Consciousness and Change of Cognition in Buddhism" in the 55th International Conference of Eastern Studies, Tokyo, May 21st, 2010, organized by Institute of Eastern Culture (Tohogakkai).
- (6) Renovation of the GSH web site: <http://www.classics.jp/GSH/>

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

- (1) Publications :
  - 1) A book for general public in Japanese (Collected papers; Under negotiation).
  - 2) A special volume dedicated to GSH in *the Social Science Information* (in English and French, Maison des Science de l'Homme, Paris, Feb. 2011).

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

A composition entitled "My point of view on and contribution to generalized science of humanity" (250 words).