

Report for Institutional Program for Younger Researcher Overseas Visits,
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Position in CSEAS : 研究員 (研究機関)	
* Check an appropriate entry (Lecturer · Assistant Professor · Research Assistant · <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postdoctoral · Ph. D. Student · Master's Student · Undergraduate Student)	
Host Institute (Counterpart, Institute and County) : Durham and Oxford Univ (UK) – Yunnan Univ (PRC) – Mekong Institute (THAILAND) – Mekong River Commission (LAOS) *Circle the appropriate entry for host institute (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University · Research Institute · Company · <input type="checkbox"/> Others)	
Position at Host Institute: Visiting Research Fellow/Associate	
Term : (Day/ 22 Month/ 8 Year/ 2012) ~ (Day/ 11 Month/ 11 Year/ 2012) (81 Days)	
Research Purpose: * Check any appropriate entries. ① <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research/Laboratory Work ② <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldwork ③ Seminar ④ Internship ⑤ Take course or class ⑥ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend Academic Meeting ⑦ Earn credits ⑧ Other	
Research Area: * Circle the appropriate entry. ① Humanities ② Social Sciences ③ Mathematics and Physics ④ Chemistry ⑤ Engineering ⑥ Biology ⑦ Agriculture ⑧ Medical Science, Pharmacy and Dentistry ⑨ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integral Area of Studies ⑩ New Multidiscipline	
Outline of Overseas Visits (About 300~400 words)	
<p>The first two-week long visit was to Oxford University (UK), followed by the attendance to an international conference organised by the Association of Southeast Asian Studies (ASEASUK) at Durham University (UK). ASEASUK is one of the 15 recognised learned societies of the British Academy.</p> <p>The second three-week long visit was to the Greater Mekong Sub-region Study Centre of Yunnan University, Kunming (PRC). The Centre has recently stepped up its co-operation intentions with CSEAS. Beside the Centre, site visits included locations along most of the Sino-Burmese and Laotian borders.</p> <p>The third three-week long visit was to the Mekong Institute of Khon Kaen University (Thailand). Beside the Institute, site visits included trips to border provinces such as Ubon Ratchathani, Mukdahan, and Nong Khai.</p> <p>The fourth two-week long visit was to the Mekong River Commission Secretariat, Vientiane (LAOS). This visit included trips to the south of the country, from Savannakhet, Champasak and down to the border with Cambodia.</p>	
Research Achievement on this Program (300~400 Words)	
<p>The main purpose of the first visit was the organisation of and attendance to the ASEASUK International Conference, arguably the biggest and most important of its kind in Europe. I am a core member of Project Southeast Asia, an inter-university programme with head office at Oxford seeking to sensitise the European academic community on Southeast Asian issues in broad terms. The trip was extremely fruitful in terms of expanding the collaborative network and bringing an inter-disciplinary perspective into the too-often culture-oriented field of Southeast Asian studies in Europe.</p> <p>The main purpose of the second visit was threefold: 1) attendance to the 3rd China Southwest Forum, co-organised by Yunnan University, the East Asian Institute of the National University of Singapore, the Greater Mekong Sub-region Tertiary Education Consortium and CSEAS. I represented CSEAS alongside Ass. Prof. Pavin Chachavalpongpun; 2) teaching of intensive seminars at the Graduate School of International Relations at the same University; 3) field-research activities along the borders between China – Myanmar – Laos.</p> <p>The main purpose of the third visit was to conduct research activities. They were carried out both at the Institute and on site. I have a long-standing collaboration record with MI. They provide me with logistic support and I usually engage students and young researchers to take part in the fieldtrips I organise, under a mutually beneficial research pattern. One training session and two seminars were organised at the end of the period to share research results and confirm intentions for future activities.</p> <p>The main purpose of the fourth visit was twofold: 1) formalisation of collaboration projects I have been working upon for the last three years. Meetings with the CEO were held in order to explore ways to possibly engage in official collaborative schemes between the MRC and CSEAS; 2) research activities in the southern border areas of the country.</p>	