

University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology
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Research Visit Report

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1. Profile

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2. Research theme

A Study on the History of the Mongolia-Chinese Relation in the early 20th century

3. Research activities

(1) Visiting place

United States

Bloomington, Indiana

Indiana University, Central Eurasian Studies

Christopher P. Atwood

(2) Period of stay

From March 29th, 2011 to August 1st, 2011

4. Research results

(1) Research plan

The main purpose of my stay in the United States was to attend the seminars as well as the lectures of Professor Christopher Atwood, who is one of the most outstanding Mongolists in the world today. Also it was important to deepen my understanding of Central Eurasian history by challenging my own hypothesis with other distinguished scholars of Indiana University, such as Professor Elliot Sperling and Professor Gardner Bovingdon. Finally, I tried to introduce my researches in English at the conferences in the United States.

(2) Archived results

First of all, I gave a presentation titled “Mongolian Independence and International Law” at the panel “Sex, Laws, and Incarnate Lamas: New Approaches on

Mongolia's 1911 Declaration of Independence", which my sponsor Professor Christopher Atwood organized, at the annual meeting of Association of Asian Studies in Hawaii on April 2nd. Also I gave another presentation titled "Bogd Khaan Government and Qinghai Mongols" at Mongolia Society and the Permanent International Altaistic Conference joint conference in Bloomington on July 13th. In addition, I attended the seminars and the lectures of Professor Christopher Atwood as I planned.

(2) Future prospects

It has been pointed out that it is crucial for Japanese scholars to introduce own researches in foreign languages, especially in English. I realized how important it is during my stay in the United States. The fact that the research results of eminent Japanese scholars are not sufficiently understood in the United States supports that. Although my program has already finished, I am staying at Indiana University until next March, so I will try to visit other universities and give presentations at conferences as many as possible, and then I will write articles in English.