

Preface

The present work is one of the outcomes of a larger research project titled, “Uyghur intellectuals: Ideas and political activities in the modern and postmodern eras,” which was undertaken at TIAS: Department of Islamic Area Studies, Center for Evolving Humanities, in the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology at the University of Tokyo between 2011 and 2012.

The book presents the autograph manuscript, Turkic texts and a translation of the memoirs of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra, a 20th century nationalist of “Eastern Turkistan” (Xinjiang), who can largely be seen as representative of his era. The work contains his previously unpublished memoirs, titled “Muḥammad Amīn Bughraning Siyāsī Ḥayāti” (The Political Memoir of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra) and “Muḥammad Amīn Begning Qisqacha Tarjumaiḥāli” (The Brief History of Muḥammad Amīn Beg).

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