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I was so lucky to get the funding from this wonderful program to support my research right after the PhD study. During this one-and-a-half month, I went through guide books on publishing and made a detailed plan for manuscript writing. I finished readings for a new research proposal and drafted several versions for the discussion with Matsuda-sensei. I also took time to conduct three online-interviews concerning land acquisition in rural China. In addition, within an excellent language environment, I formally started learning Japanese. Although it was a time-consuming task beyond regular research, the language challenge indeed made me even work harder for my research under the tighter time line.

Besides my own research time, I attended several interesting seminars and public lectures including Prof. Gotelind Muller-Saini's "Global Rise in Chinese Eyes: World History and National Power as reflected in recent PRC Documentaries" organized by Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit on February 18, Professor Kasian Tejapira's "Class Conflict and Royalist Mass Politics: The Irony of Democratization and the Decline of Royal Hegemony in Thailand" on March 5, Professor Zhiqun Zhu's "China-Southeast Asian Relations Today: realities and challenges" on March 23 and Professor Hope Sabanpan Yu's Fooling Around: Juan Posong and the Gracioso in Cebuano Literature on March 26 at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies(CSEAS), Prof. Prasenjit Duara's "How Relevant is the Concept of Secularism to Asia? Historical and Comparative Perspectives" on March 10, Prof. Hartmut Lehmann's The Quincentennial of the Protestant Reformation in an Age of Secularization and Religious Pluralism on March 12, and Mr Huang Yanjie's The Sun-Yatsen Mausoleum and the transformation of sacrifice in Modern China 1895-1930 on March 18 at Santander International Winter School, a workshop on "The Locality of "Health": Traditional/ Folk Medicine, People's Health and the Environment" organized by Research Institute for Humanity and Nature on March 22 and a 60 anniversary memorial seminar for Matsuda-Sensei on March 21. I benefited a lot from those engaging discussions and passionate people. The two join-together at CSEAS were fun as well. Thanks to diverse backgrounds of my colleagues, the conversations with them were always stimulating.

I will continue my research at Kyoto University. Hopefully the next few months can be more productive and fruitful. Special thanks for the generous support from Ochiai-sensei and Matsuda-Sensei. Sincere Gratitude also goes to Matsui-san, Akedo-san and Seto-san, who made my stay in Kyoto easier.

