



Fieldwork for the AC21 Thai- Japanese Project

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Studying History through Fieldwork

- ❧ What is “Fieldwork”?
- ❧ Methods of Fieldwork
- ❧ Fieldwork at Nittaiji (日泰寺)
- ❧ Preparation for Fieldwork

Definition of “Fieldwork”

∞ First-hand investigation outside library or study room

ex) Anthropology, Sociology,
History, Biology, etc...

Methods of Fieldwork

- ❧ Surveying land and Drafting
- ❧ Participatory Observation
- ❧ Interviewing
- ❧ Questionnaires



Fieldwork at Nittaiji?

- ❧ Collecting and recording both visible and invisible data
- ❧ Participate or observe activities at Nittaiji



Visible Materials

- ❧ documents or photographs deposited at Nittaiji
- ❧ architectures, monuments, statues, alters, etc...
- ❧ topography (location and environment)



Collect or Record

- ❧ by taking notes, pictures, and drawing

Invisible Materials

- ☞ Stories behind Nittaiji
ex) unofficial information
- ☞ Personal experiences of related people



Collected by interview

Recorded with IC recorder & field note

Preparation for Fieldwork

- ❧ Preliminary research on history of Nittaiji and history of Thai/Japan relationship (library, internet, etc..)
- ❧ Find problems or key issues for further investigation
- ❧ Prepare questionnaires for effective Interviews

Discover “(hi)stories” from Field

- ❧ Field provides you plenty of raw data which are unknown and original.
- ❧ Good preparation leads you to gain successful fieldwork.

Lunch Time Meeting 1

☞ Each participant collects information about Nittaiji and history of Thai/Japan relationships (library, internet, etc...).



presentation and discussion

Lunch Time Meeting 2

- ⌘ What is the point at issue?
 - ⌘ What do we want to know more?
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- ⌘ Prepare questionnaires for interviews
 - ⌘ Discuss “strategy”