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**RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL
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THE LOCAL SELF-FINANCING DEGREE SECTOR**

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (FDS)

Completion Report
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<p><u>Submission Deadlines:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Auditor's report with unspent balance, if any: within six months of the approved project completion date. 2. Completion report: within 12 months of the approved project completion date.
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Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)

1. Project Title

Mapping Diasporic Networks: The Case of the Indonesian Chinese

2. Investigator(s) And Academic Department(s) / Unit(s) Involved

Research Team	Name / Post	Unit / Department / Institution
Principal Investigator	Hui Yew-Foong/ Associate Professor	Sociology/Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Co-Investigator(s)		
Others		

3. Project Duration

	Original	Revised	Date of RGC / Institution Approval <i>(must be quoted)</i>
Project Start Date	1/1/2016	--	--
Project Completion Date	31/12/2017	30/6/2018	19/9/2017
Duration <i>(in month)</i>	24	30	19/9/2017
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	31/12/2018	30/6/2019	19/9/2017

Part B: The Final Report

5. Project Objectives

5.1 Objectives as per original application

1. *To map out the migratory paths of Medan Chinese to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.*
2. *To examine how these communities distributed across different territories are organized and connected laterally.*
3. *To investigate if the transnational connections of these communities and their transcultural predicament are inherited by the next generation.*

5.2 Revised objectives

Date of approval from the RGC: N.A.

Reasons for the change:

- 1.
- 2.
3.

5.3 Realisation of the objectives

(Maximum 1 page; please state how and to what extent the project objectives have been achieved; give reasons for under-achievements and outline attempts to overcome problems, if any)

1. To map out the migratory paths of Medan Chinese to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Through field trips to mainland China and Taiwan, I had been able to conduct in-depth interviews with migrants from Medan and its environs and understand their migratory paths and underlying motivations for migration after the Second World War. Similarly, in Hong Kong, I was able to trace and interview migrants from Medan and its environs and determine why they chose their specific migratory paths.

2. To examine how these communities distributed across different territories are organized and connected laterally.

The project focused, first of all, on organizational forms of lateral connectivity. I made contact with Medan-related alumni and hometown associations in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and Indonesia, and joined their activities, sometimes in transnational contexts, to observe how lateral connections were maintained. In relation to this, I also observed how non-organizational lateral connections, such as kinship and friendship ties, were facilitated through these activities, and in turn, reinforced organizational forms of connections.

3. To investigate if the transnational connections of these communities and their transcultural predicament are inherited by the next generation.

This part of the research is more challenging because only a small proportion of second-generation Indonesian Chinese in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan engage in the transnational ties afforded by their family background. Nevertheless, I was able to reach out to some of these that participated in their parents' alumni activities and interview some others that had engaged in career choices that involved Indonesia. In addition, the younger generation of Chinese Indonesians from Indonesia are much more proactive in seeking educational and career opportunities in China and Taiwan, and I was able to interview at least 20 of them.

5.4 Summary of objectives addressed to date

Objectives <i>(as per 5.1/5.2 above)</i>	Addressed <i>(please tick)</i>	Percentage Achieved <i>(please estimate)</i>
1. <i>To map out the migratory paths of Medan Chinese to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.</i>	✓	100%
2. <i>To examine how these communities distributed across different territories are organized and connected laterally.</i>	✓	100%
3. <i>To investigate if the transnational connections of these communities and their transcultural predicament are inherited by the next generation.</i>	✓	100%

6. Research Outcome

6.1 Major findings and research outcome

(Maximum 1 page; please make reference to Part C where necessary)

There are three major findings from the project. First, it was able to determine the different historical circumstances under which Chinese Indonesians in the environs of Medan migrated to China and Taiwan. In relation to this, based on in-depth interviews and archival materials, the project determined the historical circumstances that brought about the eviction of 10,000 Aceh Chinese to Medan, followed by their repatriation to China. Based on historical materials that recently has become more complete, an article entitled "Between Nations: The Political Liminality of the Aceh Chinese" has been prepared for publication (see Part C).

Second, the project found that besides patriotism as a reason for wanting to migrate to China, post-Second World War overseas Chinese also saw Beijing as the metropole for the Chinese diaspora. This led many to yearn, not just to migrate to China, but to go to Beijing for further education in the 1950s. This aspect of the motivation for migration will be covered in an article entitled "北大之梦：印尼归侨回国深造" [The Dream of Studying at Peking University: Overseas Chinese from Indonesia Returning to China for Further Studies] (see Part C).

Third, the project was able to document the process through which organizational lateral connections, through transnational alumni networks, led to the founding of a trilingual school in Medan. This was an exemplary achievement that demonstrated how the transnational lateral connections of yesteryear, involving China, Hong Kong and Indonesia, continued to have a social impact today. This will be useful for facilitating further research on the broad impact of diasporic communities on each other.

7. Layman's Summary

(Describe in layman's language the nature, significance and value of the research project, in no more than 200 words)

This project charted the migratory paths of the post-Second World War generation of Chinese Indonesians to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. It demonstrated how Chinese transnationalism was at work even before this concept became widely used. At the same time, by taking Indonesia as the point of departure for this group of Chinese migrants, the project shows that Chinese migration need not be limited to having China as the point of origin. Finally, the project also demonstrated that the regional connections established by these migrants continued to have an impact on Chinese communities across the region. Such existing connectivities should be recognized as they can serve to undergird regional or cross-boundary initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative.

Part C: Research Output**8. Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication(s) Arising Directly From This Research Project**

(Please attach a copy of the publication and/or the letter of acceptance if not yet submitted in the previous progress report(s). All listed publications must acknowledge RGC's funding support by quoting the specific grant reference.)

The Latest Status of Publications				Author(s) (denote the corresponding author with an asterisk*)	Title and Journal / Book (with the volume, pages and other necessary publishing details specified)	Submitted to RGC (indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)	Attached to this Report (Yes or No)	Acknowledged the Support of RGC (Yes or No)	Accessible from the institutional repository (Yes or No)
Year of Publication	Year of Acceptance (For paper accepted but not yet published)	Under Review	Under Preparation (optional)						
		✓		Hui Yew-Foong	"Between Nations: The Political Liminality of the Aceh Chinese", <i>Indonesia</i>	No	Yes [Publication 1]	Yes	No
		✓		Hui Yew-Foong	"北大之梦：印尼归侨回国深造"，八桂侨刊	No	Yes [Publication 2]	Yes	No

9. Recognized International Conference(s) In Which Paper(s) Related To This Research Project Was / Were Delivered

(Please attach a copy of each conference abstract)

Month / Year / Place	Title	Conference Name	Submitted to RGC (indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)	Attached to this Report (Yes or No)	Acknowledged the Support of RGC (Yes or No)	Accessible from the institutional repository (Yes or No)
July/2016/ Vancouver	Between Nations: The Political Vicissitudes of the Aceh Chinese	9th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO)	Yes (2016)	Yes [See Appendix 1]	Yes	No
March/2017/ Toronto	Nations and Diasporas: Medan Chinese and Migration after the Second World War	Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies	Yes (2017)	Yes [See Appendix 2]	Yes	No

March/2018/ Washington D.C.	Pathways of Migration and Diasporic Imaginings: The Case of the Medan Chinese	Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies	No	Yes [See Appendix 3]	Yes	No
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10. Whether Research Experience And New Knowledge Has Been Transferred / Has Contributed To Teaching And Learning

(Please elaborate)

The knowledge acquired through this project was used to enrich the teaching of the course SOC357 Migration.

11. Student(s) Trained

(Please attach a copy of the title page of the thesis)

Name	Degree Registered for	Date of Registration	Date of Thesis Submission / Graduation
N.A.			

12. Other Impact

(e.g. award of patents or prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, teaching enhancement, etc.)

N.A.

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Principal Investigator: Hui Yew-Foong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University

Project Title: Mapping Diasporic Networks: The Case of the Indonesian Chinese

Statistics on Research Outputs

	Peer-reviewed Journal Publications	Conference Papers	Scholarly Books, Monographs and Chapters	Patents Awarded	Other Research Outputs (Please specify)
No. of outputs arising directly from this research project [or conference]	2	3			