



## BANGI FIELD STATION

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### *Introduction*

In Malaysia, the involvement of the state in everyday life has increased since the New Economic Policy (NEP), generally called the Bumiputra policy, was launched in 1971. This has had far-reaching effects on everyday life, including practices pertaining to births and deaths, meals and clothing, languages and communication, local economic activities such as farming and fishing, and religious beliefs and rituals. All have experienced dynamic changes with implementation of the NEP, not just in the central part of the nation, but also at the “periphery” or in marginal societies.

Bangi Field Station (Bangi FS) was set up at Institut Alam dan Tamadun Melayu (ATMA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in August, 2002 as an locus to provide facilities to students and staff who conduct fieldwork on topics generally concerned with “the dynamics of society–state interactions in Malaysia” and to staff engaged in the on-site education of the students. Moreover, all of its members have sought to promote academic cooperation with ATMA and other Malaysian institutions.

Three graduate students, Ms. Kawano Motoko, Ms. Kato Yuko and Mr. Naito Daisuke at ASAFAS have conducted fieldworks in Malaysia with supports from the Bangi FS and are presently having struggles with Ph. D. dissertations. Activities of Bangi FS also cover organization of seminars/ symposium, “on-site education” and academic cooperation for field research under MOU which was concluded in March, 2006 between CSEAS, ASAFAS and ATMA. Dr. Nagatsu has conducted extensive surveys on the institutionalization of Islam and

subsequent re-orientation of the local concept of religious authority in Malaysia with cooperation of ATMA staff.

### ***Brief Record of Activities at the Bangi FS***

#### **■ Fieldwork of Graduate Students (with funding from the COE program)**

◇ Fiscal year 2003

Ms. Kato Yuko: fieldwork on “social histories of childbirth practices in Peninsular Malaysia focusing on experiences of rural malay women and midwives” in Selangor

◇ Fiscal year 2004

Ms. Kawano Motoko: fieldwork on “re-thinking development of small-scale fisheries and ethnic relations during the New Economic Policy” in Terengganu

◇ Fiscal year 2004

Ms. Takahashi Miyuki: fieldwork on “The Changing Linguistic Environment for Chinese Children in Singapore”

◇ Fiscal year 2005

Mr. Naito Daisuke: fieldwork on “the forest certification system and its impact upon the *Orang Asli* societies” in Negeri Sembilan

#### **■ Workshop and Seminar**

◇ March 23, 2004

21st Century COE Program International Workshop in Jakarta “Everyday Life and Policing in the Wallacean World” / Auditorium Widya Graha, Indonesian Institute of Sciences  
Organizing Committee (Kyoto Univ.): Prof. Sugishima Takashi and Nagatsu Kazufumi

◇ January-March, 2005

Bangi FS Intensive On-site Workshops “Reviewing Malaysian Studies through Fieldwork Experiences”/ Sudut Wacana, Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

\* January 20, Session I “Varied Approaches of Fieldworks: Currents of Malaysian Studies and Researches in Malaysia”

\* February 14, Session II “Fieldwork Reconsidered: A Perspectives from the Literature Study”

\* March 14 Session III “My fieldwork: To learn in Forrest, Sea and Villages”

Organizing Committee: Kawano Motoko and Kato Yuko

◇ September 7, 2005

Bangi FS On-site Workshop “Politics and Islam in Contemporary Malaysia” / Sudut Wacana, Institute of the Malay World and Civilization(ATMA), Universiti

Kebangsaan Malaysia(UKM)

Organizing Committee: Kawano Motoko, Kato Yuko, Naito Daisuke

◇ March 13, 2006

International Symposium “Indigenous Communities: Voices Leading toward Sustainability”  
/ Institute for the Environment and Development (LESTARI), Universiti Kebangsaan  
Malaysia (UKM)

Organizing Committee (Bangi FS): Nagatsu Kazufumi and Naito Daisuke

■ **On-site Education and Field Trip (with funding from the COE program)**

◇ December 2003

Visit to Malay villages in Terengganu and Selangor, a Chinese “New Village” in Selangor./  
Members: Prof. Kato, Nagatsu, Kawano, Kato Yuko, Dr. Ding Choo Ming (UKM)

◇ March 2004

Survey of Bajau and Bugis villages in Timor and Roti, Indonesia./ Members: Prof. Yamada,  
Nagatsu, Kawano and Dr. John Haba (LIPI)

◇ December, 2004

Visit to an Orang Asli “New Village” in Selangor and a Minangkabau- Malay village in  
Negeri Sembilan./ Members: Nagatsu, Kawano and Kato Yuko

◇ September 2005

Brief Survey of Orang Asli villages in Pahang, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan./ Members:  
Nagatsu, Kawano, Kato Yuko, Naito Daisuke and Dr. Colin Nicholas COAC (Center for  
Orang Asli Concerns)

◇ March 2006

Visit to a Bajau migrants’ settlement in Selangor./ Nagatsu, Kato Yuko, Naito and Prof.  
Soda Ryoji (Hokkaido University)

◇ September 2006

Visit to a Bajau migrants’ settlement in Negeri Sembilan./ Nagatsu, Kato Yuko and Naito

■ **Surveys with cooperation of ATMA staff**

□ January, 2004, March 2006

Nagatsu carried out surveys on “the institutionalization of Islam and subsequent  
re-orientation of the local concept of religious authority in Sabah and Sarawak. (see the  
outline in Nagatsu [2003])

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