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BA Dissertation Approval Form

Student Name	Yujie Chen
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Title of Dissertation:

The Remnants of Ancient Phonology in Sha County Dialect

Aims and Objectives:

The dissertation focuses on Sha County dialect. Through corpus compilation and analysis, this study explores the preservation of ancient phonological features in the dialect, aiming to gain a clearer understanding of the historical characteristics of Ancient Chinese and to provide supporting evidence for scholarly reconstructions of Ancient Chinese phonology.

Abstract (approximately 500 words):

Sha County dialect belongs to the Central Min dialect group. Sha County has a long history of over 1600 years and was established during 405-418AD. Owing to its long historical development, the Sha County dialect preserved a number of archaic phonological feature in its phonetic system. However, there has been relatively little research on this topic, and few studies have systematically examined the ancient phonological features of the Sha County dialect. Therefore, this dissertation investigates

these features through an analysis of its initials, finals, and lexical items, aiming to address a gap in the existing literature and to provide supporting evidence for scholarly reconstructions of Ancient Chinese phonology.

Chapter 1 Introduction (1,500 words)

1. Research Motivation
2. Research Object (Physical Geography and Human History)
3. Literature Review
4. Research Methods (Inductive Method and Comparative Method)

Chapter 2 Remnants of Ancient Phonology in the Sha County Dialect: Initials (2,500 words)

1. Phenomena Reflecting Old Chinese Phonology
2. Phenomena Reflecting Middle Chinese Phonology

Chapter 3 Remnants of Ancient Phonology in the Sha County Dialect: Finals (2,500 words)

1. Phenomena Reflecting Old Chinese Phonology
2. Phenomena Reflecting Middle Chinese Phonology

Chapter 4 Remnants of Ancient Phonology in the Sha County Dialect: Vocabulary (2,500 words)

This chapter examines the vocabulary of the Sha County dialect through systematic corpus organization and classification. Examples from classical texts are used to demonstrate that these lexical items originate from Ancient Chinese.

Chapter 5 Conclusion (1,000 words)

Short Introductory Bibliography:

Chen Zhan tai 陳章太, Li Rulong 李如龍, *Minyu yanjiu* 閩語研究, (Beijing: yuwen chubanshe, 1991)

Shi Peiyu 石佩玉, *Fujian shayiliuyu yu minzhong fanyan yinyun yanjiu* 福建沙溪流於閩中方言音韻研究, (Unpublished PhD thesis, National Taiwan Normal University, 2013)

Proposed Supervisor:

Chen Chia Ning

Please indicate whether ethical approval for project is needed – NO

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The above topic, proposal, and supervisor have been agreed:

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