

Penultimate year FR Evaluation

Title of the Project	Neolithisation and Modernisation: Landscape History on East Asian Inland Seas
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General advice and comments of PEC: The project is an interesting attempt to compare landscape changes across wide span of time and space dimensions in the East Asian Inland Sea. Despite the project is proceeding to its final year, PEC dares to say that the definition of Neolithisation and Modernization and relationship between the two are still unclear. The findings obtained by individual research groups should be integrated and presented in more constructive way to strengthen innovative conceptualization of these terms. As the “landscape” is the key concept of the project, the landscape approach taken by this project is expected to be legitimized and more elaborated to shed light on the historical significance of the Inland Sea, which has played important roles in international relations. There are satisfactory amount of publications in Japanese, but more efforts to publicize in English and other languages are required.	