

## Evaluation of transition of Initiative-based FS to FR

<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Historical Adaptation to Climate Change in Japan: Integrating Palaeoclimatological Data with Historical and Archaeological Evidences</b>
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<b>General advice and comments of PEC:</b> <p>The paleoclimatological data analysis of the study based on stable isotope is rather innovative and well developed. Achievement of this part since last year shows certain potential for paleoclimatological research implementation of this project. However, the conceptual model presented is still too simple. At this moment, project leader focused too much on the direct cause and effect relationship between climatic conditions and social events without appropriate variables. More attention on sociocultural aspects within this cause and effect relationship on the basis of clear hypothesis is necessary. In accordance with this, a thorough revision of the title is also necessary. Furthermore, a framework focusing on more international perspectives with international research team are highly recommended. Although this project needs to improve several points, there is a good chance to promote more constructive and systematic collaboration between paleoclimatological researchers and social science/humanities researchers, which is very important for the primary scope of this institution. To conclude, PEC would like to recommend this project to continue with the next stage under the conditions mentioned above.</p>	