

## Comment Form 【FR2】

February 25, 2016

<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Societal Adaptation to Climate Change : Integrating Palaeoclimatological Data with Historical and Archaeological Evidences</b>		
<b>Research Term</b>	<b>FR2</b>	<b>Project Leader</b>	<b>NAKATSUKA Takeshi</b>
<b>General advice and comments of the PEC:</b>			
<p>The PEC was generally very positive about how this project had developed and how it had taken past comments on board. The integration of the palaeoclimatic, archeological and historical dimensions of the research is becoming much clearer, in part as a result of the efforts to develop causal models.</p>			
<p>The project is producing a large volume of very important data and the resulting data base is expected to become a key output of the research. How to make it widely available and how to maintain it should be considered. The value of the data base would be further enhanced if it was made available in English.</p>			
<p>There was much interest in and discussion of how the research results can become relevant to contemporary climate change and societal response. Clearly, there is expectation that the project produces results that have relevance to debates today and it was pointed out that discussing the results with stakeholders might be a useful way to work towards transdisciplinarity. However, project results cannot be projected directly onto the present and uncertainty in the data on societal change may make it difficult to reach conclusions that are firm enough to be directly relevant to the present. How to handle the different timescales the project is dealing with and the very different availability of historical data across the period is one of the key challenges for the project. The PEC is looking forward to further developments in this regard.</p>			
<p>The project's international collaboration can still be strengthened, partly with a view to publishing internationally, but also to make the data widely accessible.</p>			