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Biography

In 1979, when I was a student, I got a chance to live in socialist Mongolia and learn at the National University of Mongolia. That was the first chance for Japanese women to be exchanged students. However, at that time in the socialist period the students from capitalist countries had to stay within 40 km from the center of the Ulaanbaatar. Therefore I could just learn Mongolian language and could not do any field works. Later since 1987 I have trained at the Academy of Social Sciences in Inner Mongolia and got a chance to conduct my first field work in Shilingol *aimag*. About for a month in the spring of 1988 I stayed at the ordinal home in the countryside and watched the relationship between man and domestic animals. Especially various human interventions into the relation between mother and child of goats and sheep attracted me. Before the milking season Mongolian herdsmen suckle kids in many ways according to the various situations. I found that there is a systematic procedure of feeding and nursing kids of domestic animals and I speculate the origin of milking event in human being history.

My concern is wide from the techniques to the ritual of Mongolian custom related animals and wrote many articles. For a decade I have concentrated in the modern history especially in the socialist modernization that covered all over the world in the 20th century. With some colleagues I collected many life stories of ordinary women in Inner Mongolia or elite men in Mongolia, and so on. Some of them are published and you can read from the web site in Japanese, Mongolian or English. Also, I have collected and published complete works of A.D. Simukov in Russian as the basic materials for all Mongol study.

Recently I have devoted myself for research on the expeditions to Mongolia and Central Asia and their photographs. These materials will definitely give us new insights on Mongol study.

Furthermore, from now on, I would like to clarify the traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) of nomads as ethnologist who knows environment through animal behaviour.