Brush Conversation in the Sinographic Cosmopolis

Interactional Cross-border Communication Using Literary Sinitic in Early Modern East Asia

Edited by David C. S. Li, Reijiro Aoyama and Wong Tak-sum



Contents

	Frontispiece 1	X
	Frontispiece 2	х
	List of Figures	xi
	List of Tables	xii
	List of Contributors	xiii
	Foreword to Brush Conversation in the Sinographic	
	Cosmopolis: the second miracle	xvii
	Preface	xxiii
	Epigraph	xxix
	Мар	XXX
1	Writing-mediated cross-border communication face-to-face: from Sinitic brush-talk (漢文筆談) to pen-assisted conversation	1
	DAVID C. S. LI, REIJIRO AOYAMA AND WONG TAK-SUM	_
2	East Asian brush-talk literature: introduction and proposed classification	46
	WANG YONG	
A	RT 1	
	ush-talk involving traveling literati and boat drifters	
n.	East Asia	87
3	Brush conversation between maritime officials and foreign seafarers in drifting records in eighteenth- and nineteenth-	
	century East Asia	89
	MATSUURA AKIRA AND REIJIRO AOYAMA	

4	Senzaimaru's maiden voyage to Shanghai in 1862: brush conversation between Japanese travelers and people they encountered in Qing China DAVID C. S. LI AND REIJIRO AOYAMA	111
5	Identity verification and negotiation through Sinitic brush-talk in Ming China and Japan: drifting accounts by Ch'oe Pu (1488) and Yi Chi-hang (1696–1697) HUR KYOUNG-JIN	127
6	A study of salient linguistic features of two Ryukyuan brush conversations in Sinitic, 1611 and 1803 WONG TAK-SUM	153
	RT 2 ush-talk involving diplomatic envoys in East Asia	179
7	Sinitic brush-talk between Vietnam and China in the eighteenth century: a study of vice-envoy Lê Quý Đôn's mission to Qing China NGUYĚN TUÁN-CƯỜNG AND NGUYỄN THỊ-TUYẾT	181
8	Lingua-cultural characteristics of brush-talk: insights from Ōkōchi Documents 大河內文書 WANG BAOPING	199
9	The charm and pitfalls of Sinitic brush-talk: a study of brush conversation records involving the first legation staff of Late Qing China in Japan (1870s–1880s) LIU YUZHEN	217
10	Japanese-Korean brush-talk during the early Edo period, 1603–1711 KOO JEA-HYOUN AND JOO IAN	243
11	Brush-talk between Chosŏn envoys and Tokugawa literati: contesting cultural superiority and 'central efflorescence' 中華, 1711–1811	257

Index

Contents ix

319

Figures

1.1	Example of morphographic sinograms pronounceable in	
	different Sinitic languages	29
3.1	Early nineteenth-century Japanese painting of local officials	
	questioning the Chinese crew from the stranded trading vessel	
	Wansheng 萬勝	92
3.2a	Early nineteenth-century Japanese drawing of the stranded	
	Chinese trading ship Yongmao 永茂	95
3.2b	Schematic description of the types of information on the	
	drawing of the trading ship Yongmao	96
6.1	Sample digitalized image of the brush-talk record in 'A record	
	of exchange of poetic verses with Ryukyu ambassadors'	159
6.2	Screenshot showing an edited version of the original text, its	
	translation in modern Korean, and a photocopy of the typeset	
	brush-talk record in 'A record of exchange of poetic verses	
	with Ryukyu ambassadors'	159
6.3	Sample digitalized image of the first page of Ryukan hitsudan	
	琉館筆談, the Hawley version	162
6.4	Digitalized image of the first page of Ryukan hitsudan 琉館筆	
	談, the Tsukuba version	163
6.5	An excerpt of Hakusei Kanwa 白姓官話 ('Haku's Mandarin')	168
8.1	Ōkōchi Documents, Luó yuán tiě 羅源帖, vol. 4, p. 37	211
8.2	Ōkōchi Documents, Luó yuán tiě 羅源帖, vol. 8, p. 406	211
12.1	Chōsen no kozōzu 朝鮮小童図 or 'Calligraphy of a Korean boy'	304

Tables

1.1	Ming tributaries as of 1587	15
2.1	Details of twenty t'ongsinsa missions to Japan	69
2.2	'Collection of information on the drifting of Tang ships during	
	the Edo Period', no. 1-10 (江戸時代飄着唐船資料集一至十)	77
3.1	Interpreting service for communication with distressed Chinese seafarers during the early modern era	105
4.1	Some examples of sinograms in Literary Sinitic pronounced in Chinese, Korean, and Japanese	115
6.1	A comparison of the basic statistics in <i>Cungtaplok</i> and the <i>Ryukan hitsudan</i>	169
7.1	Basic information about 20 (brush) conversations in question- and-answer mode as documented in 'A complete record of an	183
8.1	embassy to the North' 北使通錄 (vol. 4) Japanese-flavored Sinitic expressions and their corresponding	103
	meanings in Chinese	214