
Preface

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The Project team has had several activities in both Japan and Vietnam. Among them, the first major event was an international workshop held at Waseda University on 6 and 7 December 2014. Its proceedings were published in March 2015.¹

The Project’s second major event was an international conference organized in Hanoi on 18 and 19 September 2015 (whose co-organizers were Hanoi University of Social Science and Humanities and

¹ Masaya Shiraishi ed./白石昌也編, *Indochina, Thailand, Japan and France during World War II: Overview of Existing Literature and Related Documents for the Future Development of Research* / 第二次世界大戦期のインドシナ・タイ, そして日本・フランスに関する研究蓄積と一次資料の概観——研究のさらなる進展を目指して, Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies (WIAPS) 早稲田大学アジア太平洋研究センター, March 2015.

Waseda University Institute of Asia Pacific Studies). Its proceedings were published in February 2017 through the co-editing of Prof. Masaya Shiraishi, Prof. Nguyễn Văn Khánh and Prof. Bruce M. Lockhart.²

The third major event was an international workshop held at Waseda University on 27 and 28 May 2016, where Prof. Bruce M. Lockhart as well as Prof. Eiji Murashima and Dr. Võ Minh Vũ presented their papers. After the workshop, they revised the papers to be printed in this monograph. In the meantime, Prof. Masaya Shiraishi prepared another paper for inclusion in this volume as well.

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² Masaya Shiraishi, Nguyễn Văn Khánh and Bruce M. Lockhart eds., *Vietnam-Indochina-Japan Relations during the Second World War: Documents and Interpretations*, Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies (WIAPS), January 2017.