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With the generous support of the Mellon Foundation Area and International Studies Fellowships for Incoming Graduate Students, I could conduct archival researches at Beijing and Shanghai in the past summer.

I spent 8 weeks, from June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup> of 2017, at the First Historical Archives of China in Beijing and Fudan University in Shanghai. I identified and explored the considerable collections of material related to China-Korean historical diplomatic relations at the First Historical Archives of China and its branch, Qing History Project Library in Beijing. The First Historical Archives contain original government documents from Ming and Qing China, including memorials to the throne, reports and communications within and beyond the Chinese empire. I spent twenty days (June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017) at the First Historical Archives in Beijing and explored many of those heretofore untouched documents.

I visited Fudan University in Shanghai from July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Here, under the direction of Professor Ge Zhaoguang, a team of historians have been collecting and compiling premodern East Asian historical documents. In 2010 and 2011, the publications of the collections of writings and accounts by Korean and Vietnamese delegations to China have made Fudan the center of East Asian studies in China. While in Shanghai, I used Fudan University's rich archives, which contain not only East Asian resources, but also hold a complete collection of Chinese local gazettes.

I was also able to form scholarly connections with Fudan University's prominent scholars on Chinese and Korean histories. My research has drawn on the works of Professors Sun Kezhi and Shao Yiping. Their multifaceted researches on Sino-Korean relations extend from early modern to the great modern transformation. I share with them a desire to unravel the complexities of historical changes that bridge early modern and modern, as seen in the Sino-Korean relations. Philosophically, Professor Bai Tongdong's work inspires me to historicize modernity.

I have previously visited China multiple times for personal reasons and for researches. Through research visits and conferences, I have made acquaintance with the Chinese academic communities in Beijing and Shanghai. My time spent in Beijing and Shanghai allowed me to reinforced these ties.

The Mellon Foundation Area and International Studies Fellowships for Incoming Graduate Students was critical in allowing me to conduct archival research and amass primary data. My research has benefitted enormously from engaging with some of the most prestigious scholars in the field of East Asian history at Fudan University. Research in Beijing and Shanghai allowed me to transit to dissertator status and focus on writing when I return to the United States. As the research came to a productive end, I will organize and synthesize the valuable sources that I have collected to prepare for my dissertation writing.