

## OUTLINE OF SUBJECT IV: TRADITIONAL SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND THEIR TRANSFORMATION

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It is important for social and behavioral scientists to understand the diversity of socioeconomic development in Oceania. The members of Team IV carried out an interdisciplinary study involving cultural anthropologist, a human geographer, a psychologist, an economist, and a legal scientist. The members of the project team studied the transformation of social systems at different levels of society such as the state, provinces, ethnic groups and individuals. The specific subjects were as follows: the impact of formal education on identity formation, the formation of ethnic groups in urban areas, the penetration of a cash economy into ceremonial exchange systems, the relationship between traditional and modern fishery rights, and marine policy in Papua New Guinea.

Among the members of Team IV, Y. TAJIMA and T. HIRAKAWA visited villages and urban settlements in Lae and Port Moresby. They conducted several interviews with local leaders, students, and government officers. Y. MATSUDA and N. TABIRA visited university departments and government offices relevant to fisheries in Lae, Port Moresby and Rabaul. They interviewed researchers and officers specialized in marine policies and fishery rights. Y. KARAKITA and M. ISHII visited researchers in Lae and Port Moresby and collected relevant documents. Although it was impossible to conduct an anthropological field work within the format of Team IV, they had short excursions, determining the feasibility of intensive studies.

It is hoped that the preliminary project results of Team IV will be developed into a holistic understanding of social changes in Papua New Guinea.