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主たる研究テーマ Principal Research Subject Contrastive study on morphology in Myanmar and other languages

Over the years my main interest has been the theory of linguistic morphology. From this viewpoint, I have been doing research on the two topics shown below:

- (1) Study in affixation in Myanmar
- (2) Contrastive study in compound between Myanmar and Japanese

Concerning the first topic, I carried out a presentation at an international conference. The following are the title of the paper and the name of the conference:

"A Linguistic Analysis of the Functions of Myanmar Ah." Burma Studies Conference (August 3, 2014, at Pan Pacific Singapore)

In this talk, I discussed the characteristics of the Myanmar prefix /ah-/. The prefix /ah-/ basically changes a verb into a noun, e.g. /mo:/ 'to roof' ---> /ah-mo:/ 'roof.' But it is sometimes attached to a noun, and derives another noun, e.g. /hsi/ 'oil' ---> /ah-hsi/ 'fat, fatty meat.' It even functions as an infix, e.g. /yuhsa/ 'to deduce' ---> /ah-yu-<u>ah</u>-hsa/ 'opinion.' In this example, the second /ah-/ can be considered as an infix, but it is still controversial.