Title: Protection for Jinuo

Abstract:
The global consensus is that it is important to protect and preserve languages. China executed the Project for the protection of language resources of China between 2015-2020 to protect its language resources. The Buyuan Jinuo protection project is part of this Project.

Jinuo is a Tibeto-Burman language of the loloish subgroup and is spoken by approximately 20000 people. It can be divided into two dialects: Youle dialect and Buyuan dialect. Buyuan dialect is spoken by Jinuo People in Buyuan village committee, Mengwang town, Jinhong city, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province.

There are several phases to execute this project: 1) Pre-training and preparation, 2) fieldwork period, 3) camera and recording phase, 4) processing data and glossing phase, 5) mid-term inspection, 6) Pre-acceptance and ending.

The survey content mainly contains a vocabulary survey, grammar survey, discourse survey, and oral culture survey.

Grammar survey and discourse survey show us some Jinuo grammar features: Instrument marker can be omitted. Particle a⁴⁴ is functional and can play the roles as genitive (marker), nominalizer sequential converb, etc.

We will talk mainly about how we implemented the protection project for Buyuan Jinuo.