Abstract

Development of Chinese Dialects Research in the 21 st century

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This paper looks ahead into the research development of Chinese dialects in the 21st century on the basis of its development in the 20th century:

1. Main dialect research projects will continue and investigations of dialects in a greater geographical area will be organized;

2. Researches of a dialect will be intensified on descriptive, analytic, comparative and composite aspects;

3. New methods and new ways on dialect studies will be explored and dialect studies will integrate with other related fields;

4. The researches on the application of Chinese dialects will be further developed;

5. There will be further discussions on the controversial issues of the Chinese dialect research.

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