Research Value of Robert Briggs Watson's Diary: Study on Malaria Control in Post-war Taiwan (1946-1949)

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ABSTRACT

Robert Briggs Watson (1903-1978) was a staff member of the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation and had worked in China and Taiwan from 1946-1949. With reference to Watson's diary, this article examines historical materials of malaria control in post-war Taiwan. It also traces the events leading to the establishment of the Taiwan Malaria Research Institute and analyzes the roles played by Chun-Hui Yen, Shi-Chu Hsu and US aid to Taiwan in the Institute. The analysis contributes to a better understanding on the history of malaria control and international health in Taiwan in the early post-war era.

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