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# The Ethnic Minorities Huaqiaohuaren in Thailand: A Case Study in Mengla

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## Part one

### Concept of the Ethnic Minorities Huaqiaohuaren

- Who are the Ethnic Minorities Huaqiaohuaren ?
    - The Ethnic Minorities Huaqiaohuaren are organic parts of overseas Chinese (VS: the Han people of overseas Chinese ).
    - Ethnic Minorities Huaqiao is specified Chinese minority citizens settling in foreign countries.
    - the Ethnic Minorities Huaren are Ethnic Minorities Huaqiao who Joined the foreign nationality.
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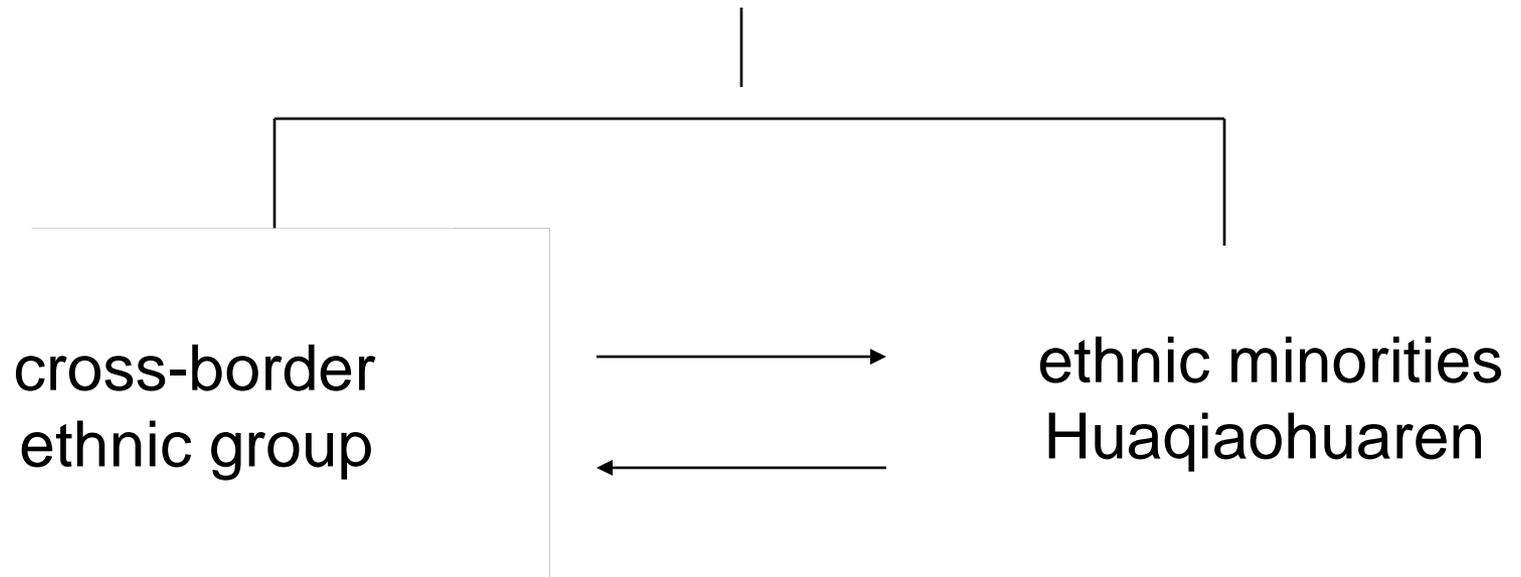
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- Who are the cross-border ethnic group ?
  - The cross-border ethnic group refers to the same ethnic group in the formation historically and is now distributed in two or more than two countries, and adjacent to the junction in the relevant countries and regions.
  - The geographical distribution of transnational merging is the main symbol to distinguish whether the cross ethnic group and transnational immigrant groups.
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- the similarities and differences

- The similarities:

the study on overseas migration  
of the minority ethnic group population



- Differences:

<b>The ethnic minorities Huaqiaohuaren</b>	<b>The cross-border ethnic groups</b>
refers to a more specific group and its geographical distribution is more widely.	contains more people but its geographical distribution is limited
refers to a more specific group and its geographical distribution is more widely.	the adjacent block of the geographical distribution
the national identity prior to ethnic identity	ethnic identity prior to the national identity

# Part two The migration motives of Mengla ethnic group

- 707.34 km borderline with Lao and Burma
- 26 ethnic groups
- Dai People is 28.5%,
- Hani People is 23.38%,
- Yao People is 7.52%,
- Yi People is 7.08%,
- other minorities is 4.4%.



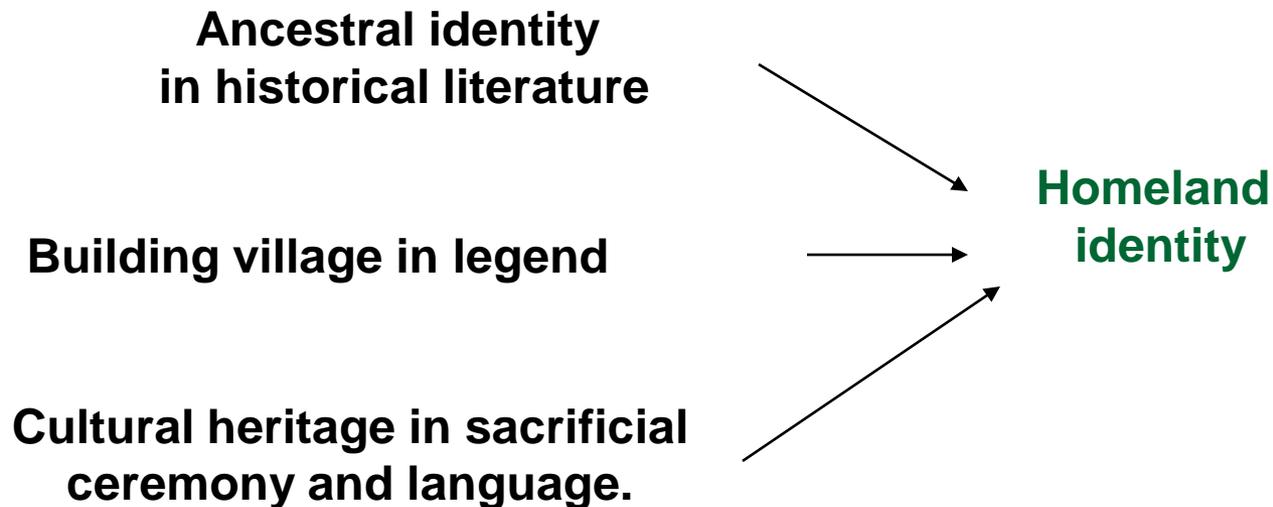
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- A survey in 2005
  - 824 overseas Chinese, 846 relatives and 546 returned.
  - distributed in American, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Singapore, France, and so on.
  - 558 in Laos, 122 in Thailand,
  - Among overseas Chinese in Thailand, Daile is the most, with 85, and other ethnic minorities include Yao people and Yi people,
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- Migration time: overseas Chinese of Mengla mainly migrated to abroad 200 years ago.
- The reasons of overseas migration:

<p>political motives : war, ethnic persecution or foreign invasion and interference and other political factors.</p>	<p>Emperor Qianlong times of The Qing Dynasty, disputes and conflicts within the upper echelons of the local minority forced the Daile people of Mengla , Mengpeng, Meng Wudai and other three Banna migrated to and settled in the northern of Thailand.</p>
<p>economic motives : improve the living conditions of individuals or families ; and business.</p>	<p>This kind of migration of Mengla is common, scattered migration had occurred from time to time. Some ethnic minorities Huaqiaohuaren of Mengla settled Thailand and Burma due to tea trade.</p>
<p>culture motives</p>	<p>Ethnic cultures form a net of migration for ethnic group between China and the neighboring countries</p>

## Part three Menla Daile's homeland identity in northern of Thailand

- There are more than ten Dai villages in provinces in northern Thailand, including Chiang Mai, Lamphun, Lampang, Pha yao, Nan and so on. In which, Daile is most. Man Nongbo is a village of Daile from Mengla.



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- Some changes in reality :
    - economic income depends mainly on vegetables and fruits.
    - Speak Thai language outside villages, Daile language in villages.
    - began to marry with Tai Ruan, Tai Lao, Tai Yong, and Tai Yin, and build relative relationship with Tai branches
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## Part four Conclusion

- Ethnic minorities Huaqiaohuaren' national identity is always their ancestral homeland . Mengla is the key of their identity, this identity is more stable than other identities.
  - Ancestral homeland identity make it impossible to keep their characters for Mengla Daile in similar culture enviroment.
  - The more stable is homeland identity and culture identity of Daile in northern Thailand, the long are they identify of overseas Chinese.
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