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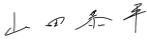
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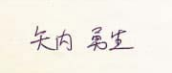
Name of the Chair: Seunghoo Lim

On behalf of the Dissertation Examining Committee, I would like to report the result of the Final Exam as follows.

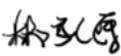
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5. Dissertation Title	Fragile Democracy in times of the Pandemic in Myanamr: Democracy, Political Attitudes, and Political Behaviors
6. Submission Date	Draft: May 6, 2024
	Final: July 29, 2024
7. Final Exam Date	June 12, 2024
8. Faculty Meeting Date	August 21, 2024
9. Degree Title	PhD in Public Management
10. Result	Pass

Signatures of the Dissertation Examining committee:

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I. Dissertation Overview and Summary of the Presentation

The dissertation focuses on two recent critical events in Myanmar society—the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 Myanmar coup d'état—and examines their impacts on citizens' political behaviors and attitudes. The three independent essays included in the dissertation intend to analyze how the attitudes and behaviors of Myanmar citizens toward politics, government, and civil society had been impacted as a result of the pandemic and political instability by using the data from a survey of 756 Myanmar citizens.

During the defense, the student explained the main findings and implications of all three essays clearly and responded to the inquiries and critiques from the exam committee members effectively.

II. Notes from the Dissertation Examining Committee (including the changes required to the dissertation by the committee)

The dissertation is composed of three rigorous academic essays on Myanmar citizens' political behaviors and attitudes influenced by the two recent critical perturbations in Myanmar society, including the pandemic health crisis and the political crisis. The first essay examines whether political trust declined after the military coup d'état and whether the change in the political trust explains health behaviors during the pandemic. The second essay focuses on citizens' willingness to participate in volunteerism to cope with the pandemic crisis and tests whether their willingness was affected by descriptive social norms. The third essay analyzes the level of support for democracy and examines if it was influenced by the severity of the pandemic.

All three essays employed survey experimental designs and responded to the most critical research questions relevant to the current Myanmar society, demonstrating the student's research capacity as an independent graduate researcher. Furthermore, all the committee members were impressed by her achieved and potential research performance: One has already been accepted by and the other two are being revised to be resubmitted to peer-reviewed academic journals.

During the defense, the committee members suggested the students to revise the dissertation draft based on the comments to improve its quality although the dissertation draft submitted for this defense already satisfied all the committee members' standards. The committee members' suggestions include mainly: clarifying key concepts and logics used in the studies, conducting additional tests, considering alternative research designs and settings, reinforcing the significances and contributions of the studies, adding more interpretations and implications of the findings, and so on.

III. Confirmation by the Chair that changes have been done to the satisfaction of the committee

The student incorporated almost all recommendations from the committee members effectively and resubmitted the revised dissertation draft on July 26, 2024. All the committee members reviewed the revisions by the students and approved this dissertation.

IV. Overall Evaluation

Based on the student's rigorous research capacity shown in the three essays, the journal publication records, and the successful final defense and additional revisions, the exam committee members unanimously agree to give the grade of Pass.