Abstract

The Chinese adverbs is an extraordinary class of function words (虚词) in the Chinese Grammar. Numerous studies on adverbs have been done over the decades, but there still exists several unresolved issues with regards to its categorization, scope as well as function.

Presently, the number of Chinese adverbs is not exactly copious. However, due to its multi-functional and diverse-application characteristics, plus the fact that its usage is at a very high frequency, there definitely is a need to lucubrate into this essential and indispensable constituent of the Chinese Grammar.

This thesis aims to explore into the various debatable issues, via forgathering our predecessors’ research fruitage, coupled with case studies of a few homologous adverbs. This thesis addresses the affinity between adverbs with other resembling content words (实词), therewithal probe into its internal classification, examining some unique features such as its ability to appear uniquely and linking capability.

Being a vital and interesting part of Chinese Grammar, the Chinese adverbs definitely deserve a deeper and more thorough research.