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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on the revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>The paper has shown significant improvement; however, the authors continue to refer to findings for which we lack empirical evidence. The paper must present the findings as our point of reference. The paper is based on what the authors tell us, rather than evidence from sources such as interviews. The Methods section posits that "data collection techniques were conducted through interviews, participant observation, and document analysis. In-depth interviews were conducted with community leaders, traditional leaders, and community members to explore their views, experiences, and empowerment strategies used. Semi-structured interviews were used to provide flexibility in exploring more in-depth information. Participatory observations were conducted where researchers were directly involved in community activities such as traditional rituals, community meetings, and other cultural activities to understand social and cultural dynamics firsthand. These observations were recorded in the form of detailed field notes. Relevant documents such as community activity reports, policy documents, and historical archives were analyzed to gain a broader context. Visual documents such as photos and videos of cultural activities were also used to support the analysis", but we are not given evidence in the paper.</p>	<p>This research reconstructs Zimmerman's (1995) and Freire's (1970) theories of community empowerment by extending their application to efforts to combine strategies to survive cultural diversity in the context of globalization and modernization as a process in which individuals and groups gain power to control their lives and influence their communities. Empowerment in Tana Toraja shows that collective control over cultural preservation can strengthen identity and social cohesion. This research shows that by strengthening cultural identity through empowerment, communities can become agents that promote inclusivity and tolerance between different cultural groups.</p> <p>I've revised it again I have revised and attached supporting photos.</p> <p>We hereby give full freedom to the editor to delete the attachments that we attach if the editor does not think it is appropriate to be displayed in this paper.</p> <p>Thank you</p>