

RECORD OF THE JAPANESE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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Fiscal 2012 saw a significant change in executive and office personnel engaged in administration of the Association. Due to reelection of trustees, former sub-chairman TANAKA Yoshiyuki became the chairman. Also, as the vice director of the secretariat, SAKAI Kazuko, was to retire at the end of this fiscal year, two fulltime personnel, HAYASHI Junko and HOTTA Natsuko were employed. The position of secretary was abolished, and the new secretariat system will be carried out by four staff, including a part-time employee, DEGUCHI Madoka.

This fiscal year saw various activities by two special committees engaging in measures for the Great East Japan Earthquake and problem of donated books at the Association, as well as six regular committees of the Association. Outstanding were issues regarding revision of the Association articles and establishment of an internet publication in English, Japanese Journal of Archaeology. Especially, the problem of donated books saw sure progress toward solution this fiscal year. The special committee, joined by three non-member consultants, had in total 12 meeting in two years, developing honest and positive discussions. As the special committee will face the two-year establishment deadline in April 2013, the examination results will be submitted as “Report of the Special Committee Regarding the Association Books” to the board of trustees in March 2013. It will have a “Summery on Advertisement for Donated Books at the Association” as an operation method. These will be discussed at the general meeting in the next fiscal year.

This fiscal year’s general meeting was held on 26th and 27th of May at Rissho University, and the convention was held from 20th to 22nd of October at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka Prefecture, and both events were quite successful with help from many association members. Also, the Second Japanese Archaeological Association Award’s Grand Prize was awarded to FUNAHASHI Kyoko [*Basshi Fushu to Shakai Shudan (Tooth Extraction Customs and Social Groups)*, Suirensa, June 2010], and the Encouragement Award was awarded to HIGAMI Noboru [*Mokuseihin kara*

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Kangaeru Chiiki Shakai: Yayoi kara Kofun he (Local Communities Seen from Wooden Objects: from Yayoi to Kofun), Yuzankaku, May 2010]. The seventh open lecture of the Association, “Kita no Jomon: Entodoki no Sekai (Jomon of the North: World of Cylindrical Pottery) was held in December 2012, at Jomon Jiyukan of Sannai-Maruyama sites, and attended by about 90 people. Lectures in northeast Japan were postponed after the Great East Japan Earthquake, but were finally held this fiscal year. Hopefully it contributed to the revitalization of the region.

As for membership changes in this fiscal year, the total membership is 4206, with 24 deceased, 47 withdrawn, 64 new members, and 11 members losing their membership due to unpaid fees. Although the total number has not changed much, it's on a slight decline. It is necessary to make the Association more attractive for new researchers to join, and active exchange of opinions among members is desirable to increase our influence in and out of Japan as the largest archaeological organization in the country.