

Annual Activities of the Japanese Archaeological Association

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General meeting, convention and membership

The spring General Meeting was held on May 25 and 26, at Komazawa University, and the fall Convention was held Oct. 19 to 21 at Wakasato Municipal Cultural Hall and Naganoken Shakai Fukushi Sogo Senta in Nagano City, Nagano Prefecture. The total number of members is 4127, with 23 deceased, 43 withdrawn, 72 new members, and 11 people losing their membership due to unpaid association fees.

Activities of the special committee for the great east japan earthquake

Activities of the Special Committee for the Great East Japan Earthquake were: 1). Holding committee meetings, 2). On-the-spot inspection of affected areas, 3). Reports on excavation research due to reconstruction projects of the Great East Japan Earthquake, 4). Report sessions at site tours.

1) Committee meetings were held four times: May, August, October 2013 and January 2014. A member from Fukushima Prefecture reported on measures against radiation at excavation sites.

2) On-the-spot inspections and hearing surveys were conducted in six disaster areas of three prefectures from November 2013 to January 2014, and it became clear that there were differences in the progress of reconstructive research. It also became clear that in areas where excavation research is planned to be concluded by 2015, organization of data and preparation for excavation reports will certainly take beyond fiscal 2015, and therefore it is necessary to ensure public funding after fiscal 2016, and also ensure enough personnel by continue sending human resources.

3) Excavation research results involving the Great East Japan Earthquake were reported at Iwate University in Morioka City and Sendai City Museum in January 2014

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under the theme ‘Hakkutsu Chosa de Wakatta Enganbu no Rekishi (Coastal History Learned from Excavation Research).’

4) A report session was conducted by a researcher on the medieval era at Niidate remains in Minami-Sanriku Town.

Activity of special committee for association books

The Special Small Committee for Association Books submitted a report to the board of trustees on March 31, 2013 which concluded thus: ‘it is desirable for books stored at the Japanese Archaeological Association to be donated to university libraries, public libraries or public organizations where it is possible to be utilized by anybody, including Association members, and the Committee regards that there is a basis for realizing the goal.’ The report was approved by the board of trustees in April along with an ‘Outline for Donating Association Books,’ and they were to be consulted at the 79th General Meeting. Both the report and outline were approved at the general meeting, and immediately the Association started advertising for a place to donate the books. The period of advertisement was from May 25 to October 31, and the number of books to be donated was 62 531. Two institutions applied for the donation, and after examination Nara University Library was selected. It was approved in the board of trustees meeting in January and it will be consulted to Association members at 80th General Meeting.

Revision of association rules

Revisions of Association rules were discussed among committee members and the board of trustees, and after confirmation by a lawyer, they were published in The *Bulletin* of the Association (No. 180). Adjustments were made after suggestions from Association members, and the final draft was approved by the January meeting of the board of trustees, and it will be submitted to the 2014 General Meeting.

Publication of english journal

After the official grant of Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (Promotion of Publication of Research Results), Koji Mizoguchi was appointed as editorial chief, and holding editorial committee meetings in August and November, Japanese Journal of Archaeology (JJA) Vol. 1, No. 1 was published as an internet journal.

Activities of standing committees

The Committee for the Protection of Buried Cultural Properties submitted a preservation and utilization request for Kitsuki Castle, Kitsuki City, Oita Prefecture.

Regarding imperial tombs, observations were conducted for Koshiragayama mounded tomb in Osaka Prefecture, Fukakusa Kitano Misasagi in Kyoto Prefecture, Nobono mounded tomb in Mie Prefecture, Koriyama-Nikiyama mounded tomb and Noguchi Obo mounded tomb in Nara Prefecture.

The Committee for International Exchange held the 7th Joint Lecture by Four Asian Archaeological Associations, ‘Soshingu to Ajia no Kodai Shakai (Ornaments and Ancient Asian Society)’ in January 2014 at Meiji University, which was attended by about 130 people.