

## Annual Activities of the Japanese Archaeological Association

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Fiscal 2014 saw reelection of the board of directors, and TAKAKURA Hiroaki was inducted as representative director and chairman. The spring general meeting was held on May 17 and 18 at Nihon University, and the fall convention was held from Oct. 11 to 13 at Date Rekishi-no-Mori Culture Center in Date City, Hokkaido. The number of association members in fiscal 2014 was 4,172, with 23 deceased, 57 withdrawn memberships, 58 new members, and 5 lost memberships for not paying the association fee.

Special Committee for the Great East Japan Earthquake: Activities of the committee were; 1) holding of meetings, 2) issuing a statement requesting extension of budgetary provisions, 3) on-site inspections and hearings on earthquake struck municipalities, 4) holding of report meetings for excavation results due to reconstruction, and 5) a session at the spring general meeting. “Statement for the Request for Extension of Budgetary Provisions Related to Buried Cultural Properties Due to Reconstruction Projects for the Great East Japan Earthquake” was issued to the government and related organizations in Sept. 2014.

Subcommittee for the Association Books: The contract and memorandum regarding the donation of books stored at the association was signed at Nara University in Oct. 2014, and the books are planned to be relocated in the next three years. Revision of Articles and Regulations: The revision of the association articles and regulations were approved by more than two thirds of the association members at the spring general meeting without amendment. Articles regarding honorary members will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Committee for the Protection of Buried Cultural Properties: Requests for preservation were submitted to related organizations regarding Ebigasaku shell midden in Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture, boundary features on the west side of Enkakuji Temple in Kakamura City, Kanagawa Prefecture, and remains of Urado-jo Castle in Kochi City, Kochi Prefecture.

Activities of Other Standing Committees: The Committee for Study Environment held a poster session “Deteriorating Study Environments” at the spring general meeting

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and Date convention. The Committee for International Exchanges held “The 8th Joint Lectures by Four Asian Archaeology Associations” under the theme “Emergence and Diffusion of Farming in Asia” in Jan. 2015. The Committee for Social Studies and History Textbooks held a session “Role of Historical Studies in Elementary and Junior High Schools: Considering Handling of the Paleolithic in the Japanese Archipelago” at the spring general meeting. Also, they submitted “Statement for Revision of Government Curriculum Guidelines for Elementary Schools” to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and to the chairman of the Central Education Council. Then, they held a second symposium, “Role of Historical Studies in Elementary and Junior High Schools” in November at Tokyo Gakugei University. The Public Relations Committee examined publicity activities toward mass media, details of press conferences, and so on. As for activities on imperial mausoleums, there were meetings with the Archives and Mausoleum Department, the Imperial Household Agency, preliminary surveys of a planned location for rebuilding of the Sakibu office of the Imperial Household Agency and Tannowa Nisanzai mounded tomb (Udobo) in Osaka City, witnessing of research at Osahozuka mounded tomb, and an on-site survey of Gobyono mounded tomb (Yamashina tomb for Emperor Tenji).

Official Homepage Renewal for the Association: The Committee for “The Association’s Official Homepage” was installed to renew the homepage. It is planned to be operated officially in fiscal 2016.

Japanese Archaeological Association Award/Public Lectures: The Grand Prize of the 4<sup>th</sup> Japanese Archaeological Association Award was awarded to TAJIRI Yoshinori’s Yayoi Jidai no Seidoki Seisan Taisei (Bronze Production System in the Yayoi Period) (Kyusshu Daigaku Shuppankai, May 2012), and Encouragement Award to MIZUNOE Kazutomo’s The Study of the Jomon Period: The Development of the Jomon Culture as Seen from the Kyushu Region (Yuzankaku, December 2012), and a thesis by SAINO Hirohiko, “Sendai Heiya Chu-Hokubu ni Okeru Yayoi Jidai: Heian Jidai no Tsunami Konseki to Shuraku Dotai (Yayoi Period in Central-Northern Part of Seidai Plain: Traces of Tsunami and Settlement Dynamics in the Heian Period)” Tohoku Chiho ni Okeru Kankyo/Nariwai/Gijutsu ni Kansuru Rekishi Doutaiteki Sogo Kenkyu: Heisei 19 Nendo–Heisei 23 Nendo Shiritsu Daigaku Gakujutsu kenkyu Kodoka Suishin Jigyo “Opun Risachi Senta Seibi Jigyo” Kenkyu Seika Hokokusho I (Historical Dynamic Study on Environment/Subsistence/Technology in Tohoku Region; Report for Fiscal 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of Heisei Project for Academic Research Acceleration Project for Private Universities “Open Research Center Project” I) (Tohoku Geijutsu Koka Daigaku Tohoku Bunka Kenkyu Senta, March 2012).

The 9<sup>th</sup> Open Lecture was held on March 7, 2015 at Rune Kodaira, Kodaira Shimin Bunak Kaikan, under the title, “Suzuki Site in Tokyo, Present/Past/Future,” and was attended by over 200 people.