

Record of Japanese Archaeological Association

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The spring general meeting was held on May 27 and 28 at Taisho University, and the fall convention was held from Oct. 21 to 23 at Miyazaki Municipal University. It was first time for the Japanese Archaeological Association (the Association) to hold a general meeting at Taisho University and a convention in Miyazaki Prefecture. Exhibition “Tegami kara Mita Kokogakushi: Saito Tadashi Shozo Shiryo kara (History of Archaeology Seen in Letters: Documents Owned by SAITO Tadashi)” was also held at the general meeting. The convention was quite successful with many people attending, although the weather was not the best with a typhoon approaching.

As for the supporting member system which has been discussed since fiscal 2016, “regulation and bylaws regarding supporting members” was approved by the board of directors on July 22, 2017, and recruitment has begun. Also, reexamination of various rules and regulations being conducted since fiscal 2014 is almost seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

As for the commemorating projects for the 70th anniversary of the Association, preparations are proceeding with:

1. collection and archiving of materials related to the foundation of the Association,
2. honoring of longtime members,
3. a memorial publication *Nihon Kokogaku no Saizensen* (Forefront of Japanese Archaeology), 4. public lectures, 5. publication of the 70th anniversary issue of *Nihon Kokogaku* (Journal of the Archaeological Association), and 6. an international seminar.

A “high school students poster session” was held at the general meeting on May 2017 aiming to nurture a new generation of future archaeologists. Also a session “*Nihon Kokogaku no Kokusaika: Imi, Igi, Hoho* (Internationalization of Japanese Archaeology: Meaning, Significance, and Methods)” was held.

The 11th Joint Lectures by Four Asian Archaeological Societies was held on Jan. 21, 2018 at Meiji University under the theme “*Ajia no Kirameki: Garasu ga Musubu Ajia no Tozai* (Glimmer of Asia: The East and the West of Asia Connected by Glass).” Also an open lecture

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cosponsored by Hokkaido Ainu Kyokai and the Anthropological Society of Nippon was held on Dec. 17, 2017 at Tokyo University. This open lecture was hosted by the Association under the theme “Jinruigaku/Kokogaku to Ainu Minzoku: Saishin no Kenkyu Seika to Kongo no Kenkyu no Arikata (Anthropology/Archaeology and Ainu: Latest Research Results and Future Study).”

Preservation requests were submitted for Koshima clinic site in Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture and Noborioji tile kiln sites in Nara City, Nara Prefecture.

Installment of Committee for Measures Against Disasters was approved at the general meeting, the purpose of which is to “prepare for damage to members and buried cultural properties due to earthquake, flood, landslide, fire, and so on, and to take measures on the viewpoint of disaster prevention and damage reduction.” Also, a session was held at the general meeting titled “Heisei 28nen Kumamoto Jishin niyoru Bunkazai Higai to Sono Fukkou ga Kakaeru Shomondai (Damage from the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake and Various Problems in Reconstruction).”

The Association has issued a public comment on “interim report” of deliberation on “the future preservation and utilization of cultural properties” that has been discussed in a cultural council of the Agency for Cultural Affairs since June 2017. Also, the Association expressed an opinion toward “appropriate preservation and utilization for secure succession of the cultural properties (the first report)” submitted by the council.

There was a report from Nara University that registration of donated books by the Association has completed, which totaled 61,799 books.