

The Committee for the Protection of Buried Cultural Properties

I. Activities of the Committee for the Buried Cultural Properties (the Committee)

1. National Committee

The national committee meeting of the Committee was held previous to the 84th general meeting of the Japanese Archaeological Association, attended by 34 directors and committee members. Details of the proceedings were published on the 74th Committee Newsletter.

2. Information Exchange

It was held on Oct 21st, 2018 at the time of Shizuoka Convention, attended by related directors, committee members, and association members. Details were published on the 74th Committee Newsletter.

II. Activity Report for the Committee for the Protection of the Buried Cultural Properties

1. Regular Executive Board Meetings

In principle, an executive board meeting is held monthly. It is held at the office of the Japanese Archaeological Association, and it was held 9 times in fiscal 2018 except May, August, and October.

2. Preservation Requests and Responses

There were three requests for buried cultural properties and one protest note submitted by the Committee to related organizations during fiscal 2018, and there were 9 responses.

3. Major Sites Handled in the Fiscal 2018

Other than information provided by liaison groups in each district, information provided by each committee member was examined and discussed on protection of archaeological sites all over the country. Preservation requests were examined and submitted appropriately. Sites discussed in this fiscal year were: Shinmei site in Bando City, Ibaraki Prefecture; Mineokamaki related sites in Kamogawa City and Minami-boso City, Chiba Prefecture; Jono site in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture; and so on.

4. Poster Sessions at the Convention and General Meeting

Activities of the Committee as well as states of cultural properties damaged by natural disasters were introduced under the theme “fiscal 2017 activities of the Committee for Protection of the Buried Cultural Properties.”

5. Meeting with the Agency for Cultural Affairs

The meeting was held on March 20, 2019 at the Agency for Cultural Affairs. Opinions were exchanged over damages on historical sites by earthquakes and typhoons that are increasing in recent years, and problems of preservation of historical sites due to development.

6. Workshops

Workshop “Considering New ‘Use’ of Buried Cultural Properties” was held jointly with Committee for Research Environment. The same type of workshop was decided to be held continuously in the future, in order to find new direction that contributes to system organization for this issue. Themes and matters handled in the workshop will be continued to be discussed in the future, in order to find new direction that contributes to system organization for this issue.