

## **Record of the Japanese Archaeological Association**

Fiscal 2018 was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of the Japanese Archaeological Association. After an election, 23 members were elected for the board of directors, and the Association operated under Chairman TANIGAWA Akio, Vice-chairmen KONDO Hideo and YAJIMA Kunio, and two auditors and staffs of secretarial staff.

The general meeting was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Meiji University as the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative general meeting, attended by 1,584 people. A commemorative lecture was held on the first day after the general meeting, as one of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects. The second day saw 33 research presentations, 11 sessions, 33 poster sessions, 12 high school poster sessions, and book exchanges. The convention was held from Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at Shizuoka University, attended by 330 people. Two public lectures and three research presentations were held. Also, poster sessions (four), book exchanges, as well as an excursion (Shizuoka City) were held. In addition, the history and achievements of archaeological study at Meiji University and Shizuoka University were exhibited at the venues of the general meeting and convention.

The number of Association members at the beginning of this fiscal year was 4,052, and 46 new members were approved at the general meeting. Also, as for supporting members that were newly installed from fiscal 2018, in total 36 members, with three corporate members, 17 student members, and 16 friendship members were approved at the general meeting. On the other hand, there were 20 members deceased and 58 withdrew membership. Decline of the number of Association members is continuing, and there is a concern that it will affect largely for the future operation of the Association.

As a part of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration projects, commemorative publication, commemorative public lectures, recognition of long-time members, and organization of archives were carried out.

As for declaration of the Association statement, there were “opinions on amendment of law regarding the Act on Protection of Cultural Properties and organization and operation of regional educational administration” (Oct 5, 2018) and “views on recommendation of Mozu/Furuichi mounded tombs for the World Heritage” (Sept. 28, 2018)

Other than mentioned above, there were a partial revision of Association rules and regulations, a format change of annual reports of the Association and a review on payment of association fees. Also, each standing committee conducted various activities in cooperation with the board of directors.