

Ancient

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Fiscal 2020 saw many academic conferences and lectures being canceled due to the novel corona virus infection, but there were many publications of memorial collections and theses. On the other hand, new initiatives were made such as holding national online conferences.

As for castle town (*tojo*) study, there was a publication of *Naniwanomiya to Kodai Tojo* (Naniwanomiya Palace and Ancient Castle Town) (Doseisha). It contains theses from early Naniwanomiya to castle towns in East Asia, and it is an important collection to learn about the transition of castle towns.

As for provincial offices (*kokufu*) study, “Kodai Kokufu/Saisin Kenkyu no Doko (Ancient Kokufu/Latest Studies)” *Archaeology Quarterly* 152 (Yuzankaku) compiled present states of *kokufu* study with the latest research results. As for regional government offices (*hyoke*), there was *Asuka Jidai no Togoku* (Togoku in the Asuka Period), *Kodai Togoku no Kokogaku* (Archaeology of Ancient Togoku) 6 (Koshi Shoin). NAKAMURA Taichi, *Nihon Kodai no Tojo to Kotsu* (Castle Town and Transportation in Ancient Japan) (Yagi Shoten) compiled research results on ancient transportation and castle towns. MIFUNE Takayuki, *Kodai Ujizoku to Chiho Jiin* (Ancient Clans and Regional Temples) (Doseisha) examined ancient temples, and argued that many local temples had a nature of clan temple (*ujidera*).

The 24th Kodai Kanga/Shuraku Kenkyushukai held by Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties was conducted as an online conference under the theme “Structures and Transition of Ancient Settlement.” As for artifact study, *Tomyozara to Kanga/Shuraku/Jiin* (Torch Plate and Government Office/Settlement/Temple) (Kuba Pro) was published as a report of the 23rd Kodai Kanga/Shuraku Kenkyu Shukai held at Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties in 2019. As for migrants (*toraijin*) study, *Kodai Nihon to Toraikei Imin Kudaranokoori to Komagun no Seiritsu* (Ancient Japan and Migrants: Formation of Kudaranokoori and Komagun) (Koshi Shoin) added some theses to results of a symposium held in 2018.

MARUYAMA Koji, *Kazanbai Kokogaku to Kodai Shakai* (Archaeology of Volcanic Ash and Ancient Society) (Yuzankaku) discussed influences of the eruption of Mt. Towada in the 10th century on the surrounding region. Fujisan Kokogaku Kenkyukai ed., *Fujisan Funka no Kokogaku* (Archaeology of the Eruption of Mt. Fuji) (Yoshikawa Kobunkan) handled sites that were affected by one of three eruptions in historical materials.

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