

## Yayoi Period

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This article overviews trends of the Yayoi period study in fiscal 2020. The tide continued on reevaluation of views and frameworks for “the Yayoi period” and “Yayoi culture.” There were successive publications of books to discuss characteristics of regional societies in the archipelago through examination of multiple cultural elements and movements of settlement. NEGISHI Yo revealed the transitional process from Final Jomon to the Yayoi period culture/society in northern Tohoku from three viewpoints: pottery culture, settlement, and trade (*The Jomon-Yayoi Transition in Northern Tohoku Region*, Yuzankaku). WAKABAYASHI Kunihiko discussed social structures in Kinki region during the Yayoi period multilaterally (*Yayoi Chiiki Shakai Kozoron* [Regional Social Structures in Yayoi], Doseisha). NAKATSUKA Takeshi, WAKABAYASHI Kunihiko, and HIGAMI Noboru ed., *Senshi/Kodai no Kiko to Shakai Henka* (Climate and Social Change in Prehistory/Ancient) revealed climate changes in prehistory/ancient periods based on detailed time scales by oxygen isotope dendrochronology, and examined social changes in each region comparing it with archaeological phenomena such as residential movement. SHIROISHI Tetsuya and YAMADA Masahisa ed., *Jinruishi Shuho* (Reports of Human Action and Society) 14 is the proceedings of a symposium held at Shizuoka City Toro Museum. A research group organized by the editors have been conducting reconstruction/verification of agricultural technology through experimental archaeology, and clarification of Yayoi period rice farming is awaited. TANIZAWA Ari gave detailed discussion on distribution of beads in western Japan from Late Yayoi to Early Kofun, and examined the initiation process of the Kofun Period (*Tama kara Mita Kofun Jidai no Kaishi to Shakai Henkaku* [The Start of the Kofun Period and Social Change as Seen through Beads], Doseisha). *Yayoi Jidai no Tozai Koryu: Koikiteki na Rendosei wo Kangaeru* (West-East Exchanges in the Yayoi Period: Thoughts on Interrelation in a Wide Geographical Area) (Rokuichi Shobo) discussed wide-range exchanges in the archipelago mainly in Late Yayoi, such as relationships between regions inferred from distribution of iron/bronze objects and funeral rituals. As for research trends of this fiscal year, there were many discussions on wide-range exchanges and relationships between regions based on detailed examination of artifacts and features. As comprehensive research results are being accumulated that discuss transitional processes from the Jomon period to the Yayoi period or from the Yayoi period to the Kofun period, Yayoi study is now at a new phase.

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