

Record of the Japanese Archaeological Association

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There were 3,923 regular members and 34 supporting members of the Japanese Archaeological Association at the end of fiscal 2020. Although the number is in a slight decline, many Japanese archaeologists belong to the Association.

While activities of fiscal 2020 were largely influenced by the spread of the novel corona virus (COVID-19) and a part of operations had to be suspended or delayed, on the whole many results were achieved.

The general meeting was planned to be held on May 23 and 24 at Ikuta Campus of Senshu University (Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture), but instead it was forced to be held in the form of a written resolution. The memorial lecture was cancelled, and research presentations and poster sessions were only via publication. The convention which was being planned to take place at Kanazawa University (Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture) in October was canceled and all the schedule was delayed to fiscal 2021.

At the general meeting, 23 new board directors were elected (two-year term) and director TSUJI Hideto was elected as the chairman at the board of directors meeting held later. A new executive body was organized under Chairman Tsuji.

Also, NISHITANI Tadashi was approved as an honorable member of the Association at the general meeting. He made an enormous contribution to archaeology and the Association, with his major research field East Asian prehistory, serving as a professor at Kyushu University for a long time, and took a role of the Association chairman from fiscal 2006 to 2007. The award will take place at the next general meeting. Also, selection of SHINZATO Akito's *Ryukyukoku Seiritsu Zenya no Kokogaku* (Archaeology of the Night Before the Formation of Ryukyu Nation) (2018, Tokyo) and MATSUMOTO Keita's *Yurashia Sogen Chitai no Seidoki Jidai* (Bronze Age in Grasslands of Eurasia) was reported and approved as encouragement awards of the Japanese Archaeological Association Awards. A certificate and a memento were sent to both members instead of awarding at the general meeting.

As for regular activities, there were publications of annual reports of the Association *Archaeological Japonica* 71 and 72, the journal of the Association *Nihon Kokogaku* No. 50 and 51, and an English journal *Japanese Journal of Archaeology* Vol. 8 (No. 1, No. 2).

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A special note should be taken on the Chairman's statement demanding total preservation of Takanawa Embankment remains (Minato Ward, Tokyo). Although it is a significant cultural heritage as a railroad facility of Japan's early modernization era that was preserved in an excellent condition, the developer of the site, JR East still have not changed their mind to destruct most of the site in exchange for preservation of only a small part of the site.

Other than the above, each committee of the Association is actively working in fields such as preservation of buried cultural properties, improvement of research environment, public relations, sending information to overseas, the relationship between historical education and archaeology, measures against disasters, and so on.