

Summary

This report accounts the results of archaeological researches in thirty excavated areas located on campus in 1986.

As Appendix, it carries another report of excavation at "the Preserved Site" on the Yoshida campus in 1984, and also carries two papers, Each attribute of the dwelling pits in the Kofun period, Yamaguchi Prefecture in the Japanese Paleolithic age.

Yamaguchi University Archaeological Museum was established as part of the crossfaculties public facilities of the University in 1978. We refer to a plan from the conference of the Manamement Committee first and gain appooval. We then carried out the reseach in relation to the construction work on campus. That's why our reserches are helpful to reconstruct the past society, environment and so on.

The current year we carried out researches as follow :

1 . Researches on the Yoshida campus

(1) Soundings in relation to the construction of the International Hall

We found a ditch and a river. The one dates from the Medieval age to the Modern. The other from the early Yayoi to the late Kofun period, was confirmed at least 19 meters wide. This is perhaps the same river that we excavated at the area of the Faculty of Economics in 1980.

Under construction of this hall, we need to examine at the basin of this river.

(2) Examinations under construction

As for the repair of the swimming pool and setting up a cash service machine by Yamaguchi Bank, we found each layer containing objects dating from the Yayoi to the Kofun period.

Besides, we discovered many pit holes and a ditch at two other areas, too : when we adjusted the road for University Farm, we discovered a ditch and many pit holes in the Muromachi period. Fixing the slope for physically handicapped persons at the doorway of the Faculty of Economics' buildings, we discovered a pit holes dating from the Yayoi to the Kofun period. These two constructions were practiced in order not to destroy the said ruins.

We also helped the Board of Education of Yamaguchi City with the examination at the road around the south of campus. As a result, we found a river dating from the Nara to the Heian period in front of the Veterinary Hospital, and two ditches were found in front of the handball court and the south gate. We found two layers containing many objects between the baseball ground and the south gate, too. The upper contains Sue wares, but doesn't many relics. The lower contains many relics dating from the early to the late Yayoi period. In addition, we guess the existence of some unknown underground cultural properties between the south gate and the rugby ground.

2 . Researches on the Kogushi campus

Though we didn't find any object, we confirmed a layer guessing to contain some objects around the University Hospital.

3 . Researches on the Tokiwa campus

We examined at the places where we fixed the slope for physically handicapped persons and an air-conditioner for the Information Processing Center. But didn't get any obvious object of study.

Around Oyama Dormitory, the result was about same.

4 . Researches on the Kameyama campus

(1) Soundings in relation to the laying drain pipes under ground at Yamaguchi Junior High School, Elementary School and Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten, we discovered some underground cultural properties at two points. At one point, there were layers containing many pieces of Yayoi earthenware. At the other, we found some pits in the Muromachi period.

In the Elementary School, we found some relics at five points. At the point No.9 among them, we could find a lot of early Haji wares (the late Furu type) in some layers. Putting some examinations till now together, we knew here were at least two kinds of pottery, that is, the late Syonai and the late Furu type.

In the Junior High School, we found some layers containing relics at two points. At the point No.3, we discovered many Haji wares in the Medieval age, mostly. We found some Haji wares of Ouchi B-type among them. This kind of Haji ware had been discovered only in the Ouchi Residence Site. At the point No.5, we found relics dating the late Jomon period and the Syonai period.

Around these points, we must make excavations with care from now.

(2) Examinations under construction

Fixing two telegraph posts in the Elementary School's ground, we examined but didn't get any obvious object of study.

5 . Researches on the Hikari campus

We found a few Sue and Haji wares, but they were brought by the wave. But we picked up many objects dating from the late Kofun to the Edo period on the beach of Mitarai Bay.

6 . Researches on the Yuda and the Faculty of Economic's dormitories

At the Yuda Dormitory, we didn't get any obvious object of study.

Around the Faculty of Economics' Dormitory, we first discovered much remains in the Muromachi period. We guess there are some unknown ruins around here.