

Summary

Ch. I : A summary of archaeological excavations on the campus of Yamaguchi University in the 2000 fiscal year

A salvage excavation was carried out on the Yoshida campus. Test excavations were carried out once each on the Yoshida, and the Tokiwa campuses. On-site inspections were carried out nine times on the Yoshida campus, once on the Shiraishi campus, and twice on the Hikari campus.

Ch. II : Excavations prior to the construction of the Research and Education Building on the Yoshida campus

It was revealed that the investigation area was located in a buried valley. Particularly noticeable was the fact that a lot of broken pieces of pottery which belong to the Nara Age were excavated in the valley. In addition, the remains including inkslabs with a flat grinding surface and a Sue ware shard with carbon ink imply the existence of a local government office. During the on-site inspection, layers in the buried valley were excavated at the spots A and B.

Ch. III : Test excavations in the 2000 fiscal year

In the test excavation for the construction of the Welfare Facility on the Tokiwa campus, no archaeological remains were found.

Ch. IV : On-site inspections in the 2000 fiscal year

During the construction to bury aerial cables on the Yoshida campus, layers containing cultural remains were found to the west of the Veterinary Hospital. These layers are regarded as an extension of the valley excavated in the Research and Education Building.

We investigated three spots for constructing outdoor lamps on the Yoshida campus. At the spot B, layers containing cultural remains were discovered.

During the reconstruction of the breakwater stone walls on the Hikari campus, at the spots B and C, stone walls using round stones were discovered inside of the existing stone walls. The date of this stone walls was unclear, but broken pieces of roof tiles and porcelain which belong to the early modern period to the modern period were

found inside these stone walls.

During Water-supply pipe laying work on the Hikari campus, at the spot A-1, the layer 103-165cm below the ground surface contained a small number of Haji ware, Sue ware, a celadon bowl of Yue ware, and a stone weight.

No archaeological remains were found from any other areas.

Appendix

I This is a summary report of newly discovered drawings from the excavation carried out in 1966 at Area I B of the Yoshida site. As a result of examination of the drawings, Area I B could have been located at the edge of the hill. In the report of last year, we assumed that Area I A was located on the shoulder part of a river. However, compared with the record of Area I B, Area I A also should have been located at the edge of the hill. A lot of pillar holes were excavated at Area I B. According to the artifacts reported in the 1993 fiscal year, these pits are likely to belong to the period between the Yayoi and the Middle Kofun periods.