

Summary

This report accounts the results of archaeological researches in eleven excavated areas located on campus in 1990.

As appendix, we report the environment and development of the sites on the Yamaguchi University campus and the plate to mate up made of iron in the shape of chrysanthemum bloom.

Yamaguchi University Archaeological Museum was established as part of the cross-faculties public facilities of the University in 1978. We refer to a plan from the conference of the Management Committee first and gain approval. we then carried out the research in relation to the construction the past society, environment and so on.

The current year we carried out researches as follows:

1 Researches on the Yoshida campus

We carried out three examinations under construction. As for the excavation in relation to the environmental adjustment at the University Hall garden located in the middle of the Yoshida campus, we found layers contained objects from the Jomon to the Muromachi period. We confirmed same layers contained many objects in the time of soundings at the past, but could not unearth any objects in this time. There were not structural remains and objects about other two examinations.

2 Researches on the Kogushi campus

We carried out soundings in relation to the construction of the Radio-Isotope equipment at the University Hospital, found a flake made out of serpentite. By the form, a great variety of the quantity, and many stone implement in the past excavations around here, we guessed that this flake also belonged to the Paleolithic age. And then it became clear that several layers contained such artifacts were distributed in southern part on the Kogushi campus still more.

3 Researches on the Tokiwa campus

As for the examination under construction in relation to a laying gas pipe under ground, we could not find any artifact.

4 Researches on the Kameyama campus

we excavated in relation to the laying drain pipes under ground at Yamaguchi Junior High School. As the result of the excavation, we found a river

and layer containing cultural remains from the late Yayoi to the early Kofun period. The majority of the artifacts was pottery kinds of jar, pot, bowl, pedestaled bowl, jar stand, and so on. These potteries were made up of ones of varied areas such as the western Setouchi, Kinai , San-in district, we obtained a good data to be able to make clear the cultural diffusion. Also we confirmed which some layers containing cultural remains were distributed in southern part on the Kameyama campus.

5 Researches on the Hikari campus

In this campus we uncovered many artifacts from the late Jomon to the Medieval in the past. Then this area has been called as the 'Mitarai Site', we excavated at several spots in relation to the repair of the play ground at Hikari Elementary School. Generally speaking, there were two results of the excavation.

Firstly we discovered layer containing cultural remains in stratigraphy at the first time. At the four spots in the northern and eastern part on the play ground, artifacts dating roughly from the late Jomon to the Muromachi were found out the same layer. But at the trial trench in the south-east for the Gymnasium belonged to the Hikari Elementary School, we found a layer containing cultural remains contained artifacts within the limits of dating from the fifth century to the early seventh century A.D.

The other was discovery of the structural remains in the Kofun period have been unknown on this campus until now. They were five pits for burial which belonged to the dating from the late sixth to the early seventh century A.D. and two stages in the sixth century A.D. at least, for two surface of occupation at a certain period and crossing of lower some pits for burial. These pits for burial suggested us that the settlement from the sixth to seventh century A.D. have been in existence around the southern part at this campus. So we can presume that peoples in this settlement have engaged in the agriculture and fishing in the same time , by what there are a gulf named the 'Mitarai gulf' in front of this Hikari campus and we unearthed a clay net sinker by the excavation in this time.

6 Researches on the another campus

We carried out excavation at two residences in the Yamaguchi City in relation to the laying drain pipes, but could not any notable object.