

Summary

This report accounts the results of archaeological researches in twenty-four excavated areas located on campus in 1985.

As Appendix, it carries another report of excavation at "the Preserved Site" on the Yoshida campus in 1982, and also carries two papers, Pits for the preservation of food in Yamaguchi Pref., and Plain coarse pottery originated from Korea excavated from Mutsurejima site.

Yamaguchi University Archaeological Research 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 work on campus.

The current year we carried out researches as follow:

1. Researches on the Yoshida campus

(1) Soundings in relation to the environmental adjustment at the University Hall's garden

We found many pit holes and some ditches. In particular a pit for the preservation of food and a dwelling pit were discovered with some remains. The one had functioned since the early till the middle Yayoi period, the other in the late Yayoi period. And the manure jars in the Edo period were set up.

Some layers contained many objects dating from the late Jomon to the middle Kamakura period. A Jomon bowl and sherds tell us human beings have existed since earlier time in this area. As specially important objects, stone of obsidian and talc were discovered. The one was not apply work at all, the other was worked by human skill. We got valuable materials in knowing the relation of demand and supply.

Making allowance for the result of this soundings, we decided to carry out each environmental adjustment in this area from now.

(2) Examinations under construction

As for the repairs a sewer on University Farm, we found a river dating from Nara to Kamakura period. In it, there were some remains connected with the iron manufacture. For the environmental adjustment on the Faculty of Education, we confirmed a small valley.

When they planted some trees at the University Hall's garden, we examined making allowance for the result of the foregoing soundings. As a specially important object, a sue bowl with writing in ink was discovered. It is material evidence offering a proposal there was a government office from the late Nara to the early Heian period around here.

2 . Researches on the Kogushi campus

- (1) Soundings in relation to the constructions of a new university hospital and a new building for the fundamental study at the School of Medicine

Speaking of the one, We confirmed a layer containing some relics dating from the Medieval age to the Modern, but didn't find any features in the said ages. For the other, though the same layer was discovered, it contained no remains. We need to examine into this point at the center of the campus.

- (2) Soundings and examinations under construction in relation to the repair of the Nurse Dormitory, and to the environmental adjustment around it at the School of Medicine

We found some pieces of modern porcelain, but couldn't guess all underground cultural properties in this area.

3 . Researches on the Tokiwa campus

According to the examination under construction in relation to the repair of a tank for accumulation and circulation of water, we knew this area used to be a part of a hill, and to fall steeply toward the west valley. So we guessed most of this hill to have been scraped and leveled on the large scale.

The examination under construction around the Oyama Dormitory told us the land had sloped toward the south valley in this area.

4 . Researches on the Kameyama campus, Hikari campus and Kumano Dormitory

At Yamaguchi Junior High School, Yamaguchi Elementary School and Kindergarten, Hikari Junior High School, and Kumano Dormitory, we made examinations under construction, but couldn't get any obvious objects of study.