International Symposium

Formation of Tribal Communities

- Integrated Research in the Middle Euphrates, Syria -

Date: 21-23, November, 2009
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Each of the 30 minutes’ presentations below includes 5 minutes’ Q&A.

1st Day: November 21 (Saturday)
Morning 9:00-10:00 Registration
Chairperson: Katsuhiko Ohnuma
10:05-10:25 “Syria·Japan Cultural Cooperation: Past, Present and Future” Riad Nassan Agha (Minister of Culture, Syria)
10:30-11:00 “Archaological Works in Syria Today” Bassam Jamous (Director General, Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria)
11:00-11:10 Break
Section 1 [Integrated Research in the Bishri Region, the Middle Euphrates]
Chairperson: Yoshihiro Nishiaki
11:10-11:40 “Integrated Research in the Bishri Region” Katsuhiko Ohnuma (Professor, Kokushikan University, Japan) and Anas Al-Khabour (Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria)
11:40-12:10 “Geological and Chronological Study in the Bishri Region” Mitsuo Hoshino (Professor emeritus, Nagoya University, Japan) et al.
12:10-13:10 Lunch
Afternoon 13:10-13:40 “Social Complexity and Organization in Paleolithic of Eurasia” Hiroyuki Sato (Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan)
13:40-14:10 “Sondage at the Site of Tell Ghanem Al-Ali” Atsunori Hasegawa (Ph.D. Student, University of Tsukuba, Japan)
14:10-14:25 Break
Chairperson: Saeko Miyashita
14:25-14:55 “Archaeological Surveys of Bronze Age and Earlier Settlements around Tell Ghanem al·Ali” Yoshihiro Nishiaki (Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan)
14:55-15:25 “Surveys and Sondage at the Grave Complexes near the Site of Tell Ghanem al·Ali” Hiroshi Numoto (Professor, Kokushikan University, Japan) and Shogo Kume (Research Fellow, Kokushikan University, Japan)
15:25-15:40 Break
15:40-16:10  “Archaeological Investigations of Bronze Age Cairn Fields on the Northwestern Flank of Mt. Bishri”  Sumio Fujii (Professor, Kanazawa University, Japan) and Takuro Adachi (Middle Eastern Culture Center, Japan)
16:10-16:40  “Ethno-Archaeological Research on the Modern Cemeteries of Ghanem al-Ali Village”  Akira Tsuneki (Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan)
16:40-16:55  Break
Chairperson: Sumio Fujii
16:55-17:25  “Zooarchaeology and Ethnoarchaeobotany at Tell Ghanem Al-Ali”  Hitomi Hongo (Associate Professor, Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan)
17:25-17:55  “Human Remains from the Bronze Age Sites in Bishri Region”  Yoshihiko Nakano (Associate professor, Osaka University, Japan) and Hidemi Ishida (Professor, University of Shiga Prefecture, Japan)

2nd Day: November 22 (Sunday)
Morning
Chairperson: Akira Tsuneki
10:00-10:30  “Preliminary Anthropological Survey in the Villages in the Area around Tell Ghanem al-Ali and Wadi al-Rahum”  Masayuki Akahori (Professor, Sophia University, Japan)

Section 2  [Bronze Age Sites of Syria]
10:30-11:00  “The Early Bronze Age Chronology based on 14C Ages of Charcoal Remains from Tell Ghanem al-Ali”  Toshio Nakamura (Professor, Nagoya University, Japan)
11:00-11:15  Break
11:15-11:45  “Urban Planning in Syria during the Second Urban Revolution (Mid-third Millennium BC)”  Michel Al-Maqdissi (Director of Excavations and Research, Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria)
11:45-12:15  “Bronze Age Sites around Al-Raqqa”  Ahmad Sultan (Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria)
12:15-13:15  Lunch

Afternoon
Chairperson: Katsuhiko Ohnuma
13:15-13:45  “Tracing Tribal Implications among the Bronze Age Tomb Types in the Region of Jebel Bishri in Syria”  Minna Lönnqvist (Adj.Professor, Universities of Helsinki and Oulu, Finland)
13:45-14:15  “Abrupt Climate and Social Change 4.2-3.9 kaBP at the Riparian and Karst Aquifer Refugia of Syria”  Harvey Weiss (Professor, Yale University, U.S.A.)
14:15-14:30  Break

Section 3  [History of Tribal Communities in Syria: Citizens and Nomads Viewed from Archaeological Sites]
Chairperson: Hiroyuki Sato
14:30-15:00  "Urban Elements in Early Bronze Age Settlements of the Middle Euphrates”  Elisabeth N. Cooper (Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada)
15:00-15:30  “Social Structures and Interaction at Tall Bazi and the Middle Euphrates”  Berthold Einwag (Institut für Vorderasiatische Archäologie der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany)
15:30-15:45  Break
15:45-16:15  “Tribal and State: The Changeement of Settlements and Settlement..."
Pattern in Upper Mesopotamia during the 3rd and 2nd Millenium B.C.: A Re-Evaluation” Jan-Waalke Meyer  
(Professor, Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany)

18:00-20:00  Welcome Party  Greeting speech: Jean-Marie Durand

3rd Day: November 23 (Monday)

Morning
Section 4  History of Tribal Communities in Syria: Citizens and Nomads Viewed from Philological Evidences]  
Chairperson: Shigeo Yamada
10:00-10:30  “Rod and Ring”: Insignias of Foreign Rule in the Ur III·OB Periods” Kazuya Maekawa (Professor, Kokushikan University, Japan)
10:30-11:00  “Nomads and Farmers in the Orbit of Mari Kingdom in the 18th Century (B.C.E.) Syria: A Few Observations on Merhûm-Officials and their Roles” Ichiro Nakata (Professor Emeritus, Chuo University, Japan)
11:00-11:15  Break
11:15-11:45  “The Desert Routes across the Djebel Bishri and the Sutean Nomads according to the Mari Archives” Dominique Charpin (Professor, Sorbonne University, France)
11:45-12:45  Lunch

Afternoon
Chairperson: Kazuya Maekawa
12:45-13:15  “Amorite Societies along the Lower Habur according to the Tell Taban Tablets” Shigeo Yamada (Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan)
13:15-13:45  “Between Djebel Bishri and Euphrates River: Nomads and Settled People” Jean-Marie Durand (Professor, Collège de France, France)
13:45-14:00  Break

Section 5  Comprehensive Discussion
14:00-16:00  Chairpersons: Katsuhiko Ohnuma and Michel Al-Maqdissi
16:00  Closing

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