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## TOPICS

### Excavation situation of the Nishi Beppu sites

We executed the confirmation investigation in the Nishi Beppu sites and the Nishi Beppu temple dilapidated in the Nishi Beppu sites group from June through July. We discovered more than eight holes building marks from the latter term of the Kofun age to the Heian era, and eight ditch marks from the Nara era to the Heian era, soil hole, and the pit. Both of ovens were found from hole building mark of the latter term of the Kofun age in the west wall, and they were large-scale of about one passing 4m.



### The panel exhibition of Maenakanishi and Suwanoki sites

The panel exhibition of Maenakanishi sites and Suwanoki sites has been held in the Menuma municipal exhibition pavilion since June 1.



Two sites have executed the excavation investigation in areas that extend to city Kamino along with the readjustment of town lots work since 1996 fiscal year.

This panel exhibition has explained mainly the result of the excavation investigation executed in 2008 -2009 fiscal year to the public. The exhibition panel that should make a special mention is an explanation about burial money of Muromachi Period in Suwanoki sites.

## City excavation information

### Maenakanishi sites 1

#### The village of the Kofun period is confirmed.

We surveyed Maenakanishi sites from June to middle of July on the readjustment of town lots ground in Kamino. We discovered four holes building marks made between the first terms of the Kofun age. Moreover, the mark in four ditches was confirmed.

One of the marks in the ditch was big of the width of about 3m. In the soil covering (soil that had been buried), a large amount of sherd was detected. In a word, it is thought that the festival was held in the waterside.



### Maenakanishi sites 2

#### A large amount of earthenware was excavated from the sites of Yayoi Era.

In this investigation, we discovered the sites of a dugout (Yayoi Era: About 2,000 years ago) and the mark (The Kofun period: About 1,400 years ago) in the ditch and the hole of the soil (time uncertainty). A large amount of relic (earthenware and stone implement, etc.) was excavated from the sites of a dugout of Yayoi Era. Among these, a large amount of well-preserved earthenware (jar and pot) was excavated from the first dwelling mark where the scale exceeded 10m.



## Serials Protection activity of buried cultural properties

### Chapter 4 About the burial cultural properties containing ground and the adjoining ground

To protect the buried cultural properties, we should understand where sites (burial cultural properties containing ground) are. In a word, we should make more exact sites map. And, we are confirming investigating the presence of the relic and the monument actually in each place.

Therefore, the range of sites is subjected to variation according to the situation. The range of sites increases and decreases based on the result of the survey.

## Reports

### The explanation display of "Kondou Dainichi Nyorai sitting Buddhist image"

At the end of May, we set up the explanation display of city specification cultural properties "Kondou Dainichi Nyorai sitting Buddhist image" (tangible cultural properties and sculpture) at the Anraku-ji Temple Kannon-dou entrance in the Nishi Beppu ground where the Buddhist image was enshrined. This sitting Buddhist image is excellent sculptural. This remained fortunately though Kannon-dou was burnt down before. Kannon-dou was rebuilt by the contribution base on the people of the parishioner in Anraku-ji Temple in 2002. The Buddhist image is kept under an appropriate situation now.



### The confirming investigation of "Inuzakura"



At the beginning of June, we confirming investigated city specification cultural properties natural monument "Inuzakura(Cherry-Blossom)" in Mikajiri. When investigating at a simultaneous in the previous year period, the investigator found growing thickly of the weed and miscellaneous trees in the part in the surrounding, and the influence on the main body of the tree was anxious. However, the management such as weeding was properly done, and the growth situation of branches was also good this time.

### The green curtain in properties center



We are working on greening of the Konan cultural properties center on the wall this year. Staffs constructed handmade net multiplication frame with the planter, and is growing the plant such as bitter melon (Goya), sponge cucumber, and bottle gourds as green curtain since middle of June. Please see the appearance of vivid plants.

## Heritage Pilgrimage

### Negishi-family's terrace house gate (Negishike-Nagayamon) About repairer works

It entered 2010 fiscal year, and the repairer thing at master Negishike-Nagayamon started as a granted project of the city specification cultural properties. This repair is large scale work to unload all roof tiles, and for rafters that supports the roof to repair since the last repair.



## Cultural Properties Column

### Encounter with ancient times 4—Kagohara-ura mounded tomb No.1

Kagohara-ura (the back of Kagohara) mounded tomb No.1 is not a circle mounded tomb but polygonal one. And, it has been understood that it is a mounded tomb of a very scarce octagon in the provinces. In this column, the anecdote in the excavation is shown.



## Calendar of Properties

- In August:** The musical band of Kamishinden (the 21st), The shishimai in Shimoonda (the 22nd),  
The shishimai in Ikegami (the 28th)
- In September:** A tea party of pleasant time in Seikeien (the 19th),  
The haiku introductory lecture in Seikeien(the 16<sup>th</sup>~)
- In October:** The festival in the autumn in Sugahiro, The shishimai in Oshikiri (Both the middle of)
- In November:** The event on inhabitants of the prefecture's day (the 14th),  
Completion ceremony of Kangiin (the 18th),  
The 3rd regional traditional Japanese theater event in Osato (the 23rd)

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