

The activities of the Institute for Cultural Studies of Ancient Iraq, Kokushikan University

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Archeological sites in Iraq



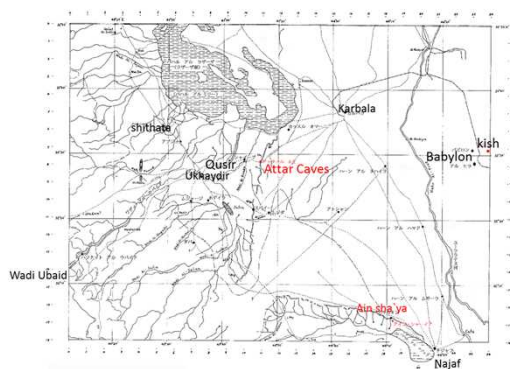
Attar caves and its surroundings in south-western desert of Iraq 1, Excavation at attar caves, 1970-1976

- Prof.Hideo Fujii visited at Attar caves in 1969, he was interesting in Attar caves, and wanted to be sure that the caves have been dug out artificially.

He has started to excavate Attar caves from 1970, and my 1st experience of the Excavation in Attar caves is 1972.



Attar caves and its surroundings in south-western desert of Iraq



I would like to explain details of excavation of Attar cave in next session,

Rescue excavations in Hamrin Dam, 1977-1980

- Excavations
- 1, Tell Gubah:
- 2, Tell Songor A, B, and C
- 3, Tellul Hamediyat
- Iraq-Iran war:
20th.sept.1980-20th.aug.1988



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Fig.1 The map of Hamrin basin (1)

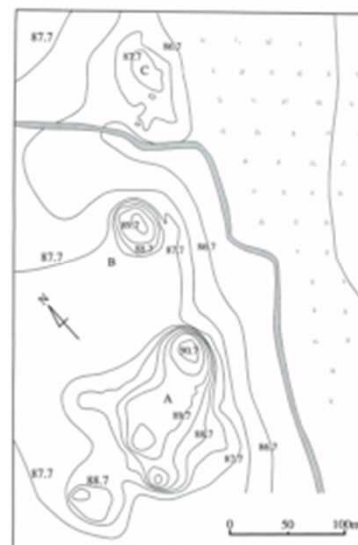
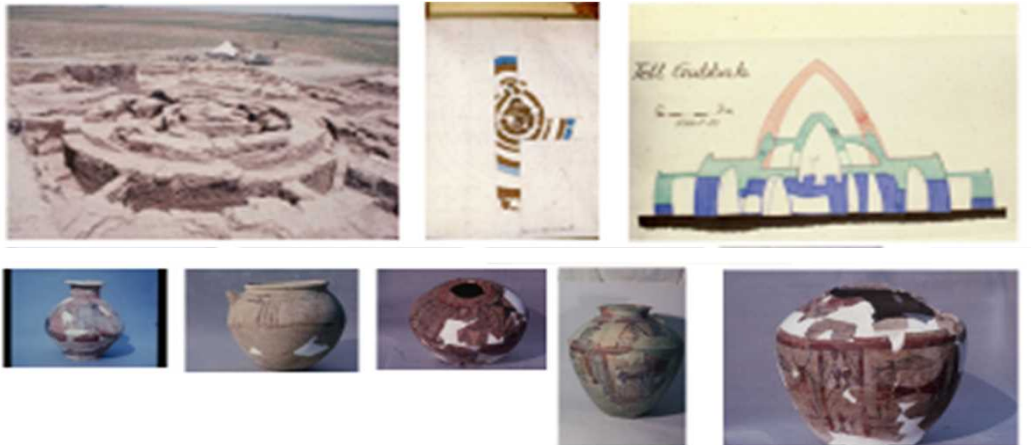


Fig.3 Contour map, Tell Songor A, B and C (2)

Tell Gubah

VII: Jamded Nasr, VI~IV:EDI~III, II:Media,I:Islam



Plan of Samarra houses in Tell Songor A (B.C.6000)

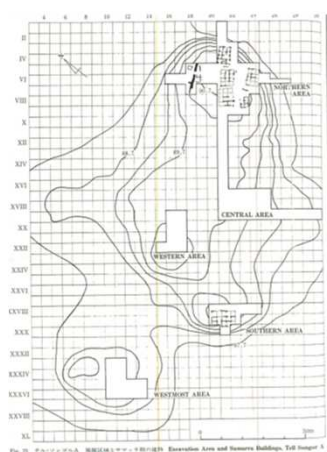


Fig. 10. Plan of Samarra houses in Tell Songor A



Fig. 11. Plan of Samarra buildings at the Northern Area

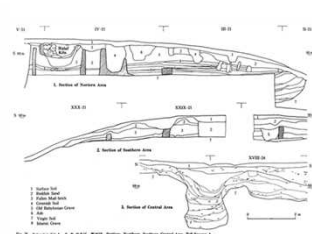


Fig. 12. Plan of Samarra buildings at the Southern Area

Features of Samarra houses

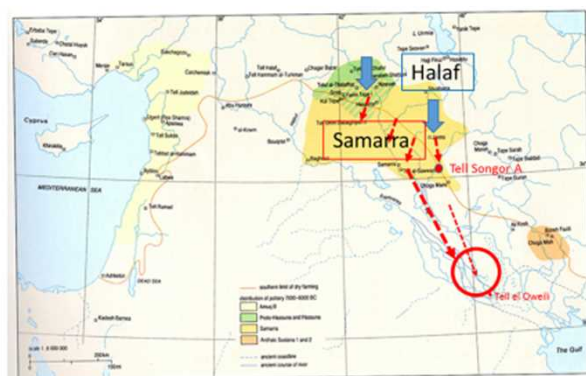
- 1, same plan
 - 2, same sizes of samarra house
 - 3, thick wall enclosed the houses
 - 4, the same type of samarran villages can be seen Choga Mami, Tell es Sawan
- Egalitarianism, proto-democracy?

Objects of Samarra, Halaf, Ubaid3 periods

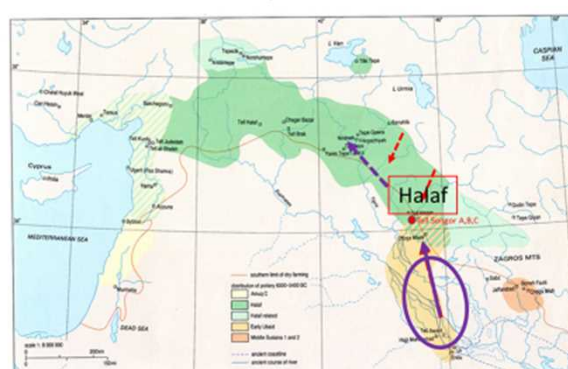


Tell Songor A,B,C in Hamrin

Samarra period (6000BC)



Halaf and Ubaid 3 periods (5500BC)



The Kokushikan University expedition has returned back from the rescue project eski-Mosul to south western desert area.

Excavation at Ain Shaiya and Dukaqin caves near Najaf, 1986-89.

We have been found a Church and monasteries in Ain Shaiya as a open site , and a reused room as a monastery in Dukakin caves.



on other side, we have applied the excavation of Kish to SBAH to solve many questions of result from excavated sites.

And my main subject of the excavation of Kish is to establish a standard chronology by stratigraphy.

The Gulf war.: 17th.Jan.1991 - 28th Feb.1991

(Kokushikan house has been built in Kish, 1995)

Al Qaida attacked twin tower at the United States in 11thsept.2001

I have no excavation in Iraq since 11thsept.2001 because security.

The Iraq war: 20th March, 2003- May, 2003



Japanese has supported safeguard of Iraq cultural Heritage

- The Iraq war: 20th March, 2003-10th May, 2003
- UNESCO sent experts of Iraq cultural Heritage to Iraq at two times, April and May 2003. we researched the damage of cultural Heritage by the war.
- UNESCO held ICC (International coordination Committee for the safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq) at Paris at many times.
- Japanese government has approved the proposal from UNESCO, and paid \$50m.
- And also Japan sent through UNESCO the instruments and medicine for restoration of Objects and Laboratory of restoration in Iraq national museum.
- JICA (Japan International cooperation agency) and UNESCO have started to carry out training of Iraq cultural heritage in the 3rd country in Umm Qais, Jordan, two months in every year for 20 officials from SBAH (State Board of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage) 2005 till 2010. Kokushikan University has cooperated with the experts of archaeology, architect, geography, civil engineer, conservator.

Japanese government has continuously supported rehabilitation for Iraq cultural Heritage.



Training of the cultural Heritage in Umm Qais, Jordan, 2005-2010

environment, Excavation, restoration, management



Excavation at Umm Qais(Gadara) in Jordan 2005～2015

「ガダラ人が悪霊に取り付かれていたのをキリストが豚に移して取り除き、豚はガリラヤ湖になだれ込んだ」新約聖書



We carried out cultural exchange between primary school in Tokyo and primary school in Umm Qais, Jordan by skype.

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- **Ten officials** of the state board of Antiquities and Heritage of Iraq completed a training course in Sharja, UAE **from 9 to 13, Oct. 2016** funded by the Government of Japan.
- "Preventive Conservation of Iraq's Museum Collections and Cultural Heritage Sites at Imminent Risk"
- the project for "Preventive Conservation of Iraq's Museum Collections and Cultural Heritage Sites at Imminent Risk", funded by Japan (USD 1.5 million) UNESCO paris, **Feb. 23-Feb. 24, 2017**
- UNESCO and Ministry of Culture of Iraq jointly launched the "Response Plan for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Liberated Areas of Iraq".
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- a training course on "Introduction to Preventive Conservation of Museums Collections"
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- Conference for the recovery and Rehabilitation of the City of Mosul
—Revive the Spirit of Mosul, Conference **10 September 2018**—
UNESCO in Paris
- **UAE, UNESCO and Iraq** conclude historic **\$50m** partnership to reconstruct Mosul's iconic **al-Nouri Mosque** and **al-Hadba Minaret**

Nimrud, Nineveh, Hatra, Mosul Museum

- Hatra statues has been destroyed in Mosul museum by IS (Islamic state) on Feb. 2015.
- IS has destroyed Assyrian bulls "Ramas" in Nineveh, and blasted Assyrian relieves in North west palace and in Nabu palace of Nimrud.
- Al-Nouri Mosque (1172, height: 45m), the inclination of Al-Hadba Minaret has been blasted.
- **We have to pile up small fragments of bricks or stones from palace and mosque one by one.**

al-hadba-minaret

