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Research Institution · Department · Title	Research Director, Science Department, The Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan			Location of Institution	Mitaka	
Title of Project	Reestablish (Reconstruction) of an ancient Anatolian cultural chronology -a cultural chronology in Kaman-Kalehöyük from third to second millennium B.C.					
Abstract of Research Project	<p>An important focus of research in Near Eastern Archaeology is the establishment of a cultural chronology. European scholars have been leading figures conducting excavation and research to address this matter, drawing a clearer picture of Ancient Near Eastern history. This project tries to reconsider and reconstruct a cultural chronology of Anatolia, a region located in an important geographical position between the ancient Near East and southeastern Europe, an area both influenced by and exerting influence upon eastern and western civilizations. By addressing unsolved research problems in this region, this project aims to illustrate the roles Anatolia played culturally and historically, and its influences on European societies. The Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan has been excavating at the site of Kaman-Kalehöyük in central Anatolia since 1986 to research these issues. The following five problems are identified as unresolved: 1) the character of the "Dark Age" from the end of the second millennium B.C. to the first quarter of the first millennium B.C.; 2) the date that Anatolians began to use iron; 3) the causes of destruction of the Hittite Kingdom; 4) the causes of the end of the Assyrian Colony Period; and 5) the date of the Indo-European migration into Anatolia.</p>					
References	<p>Omura, Sachihiro " Preliminary Report on the 15th Excavation Season at Kaman-Kalehöyük, " Anatolian Archaeological Studies Vol.X Kaman-Kalehöyük 10, 2001, pp-1-35.</p> <p>Omura, Sachihiro " Preliminary Report on the 14th Excavation Season at Kaman- Kalehöyük, " Anatolian Archaeological Studies Vol.X Kaman-Kalehöyük 10, 2000, pp.1-35.</p>					
Term of Project	Fiscal years 2002-2006. (5years)					
Budget Allocation (in thousand of yen)	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	TOTAL
	19,700	17,200	17,200	17,200	18,100	89,400