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Research Institution • Department • Title	Professor, Faculty of Intercultural Studies, The International University of Kagoshima			Location of Institution	Kagoshima City	
Title of Project	Comprehensive research of human history concerning long-distance interactions in prehistoric and ancient societies					
Abstract of Research Project	<p>By focusing on the “long-distance trade” over the vast area across the sea and the long-distance interactions in the Japanese Archipelago, the research project tries to elucidate the truth, social roles and mechanisms of the long-distance interactions in prehistoric and ancient societies in order to consider its significance in the human societies and contribute to the construction of the higher order theory of human history.</p> <p>1) We will pioneer a new research area which centers on the sea and long-distance interaction, 2) elucidate the processes of the development of social complexity by reinvestigating the Late-Final Jomon society and Yayoi society from the viewpoint of long-distance interaction, 3) carry out comparative researches in archaeology, history and anthropology with the British Isles and the Pacific region, 4) do intensive pottery analysis including X-ray fluorescence analysis and excavate some key archaeological sites using advanced methods, 5) and positively explicate the significance of long-distance interactions in the development of the societies.</p> <p>This research will accomplish desirable true union of archaeology and archaeological sciences by establishing the laboratory of X-ray fluorescence analysis, and develop practical studies of cognitive archaeology, which have been internationally expected, by taking advantage of the unique tradition of Japanese archaeology.</p>					
References	<p>Kamimura, T. (1998). Chipped Arrowheads and Obsidian from the Southwestern Islands of Japan: Compilation and Discussion. <i>Jinruishi Kenkyu: Journal of the Society of Human History</i>, 10: 200-213.</p> <p>Kamimura, T. (1996). Chinese Ancient Coin from the Southwestern Islands of Japan. <i>The Southwest Islands and Kyushu in Pre-modern Age: Study of the Relational History</i>. pp.3-52. Tokyo: Taiga Press.</p>					
Term of Project	Fiscal years 2003-2007 . (5years)					
Budget Allocation (in thousand of yen)	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	TOTAL
	10,700	39,000	9,500	7,900	7,400	74,500
Homepage Address	None					