

*Lecture of Prof.Sakuji Yoshimura  
/WasedaUniversity*

*Date May 14, Saturday*

*14:30 Open*

*15:00-16:00 Lecture*

*Venue Nagakute Area*

*Central Zone*

*Rotary Hall A*

*Theme 'Forty Years of the Excavation in  
Egypt of Waseda University'*

Open to the public.

There is no need to register.

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## **The substance of lecture**

### **Forty Years of the Excavation in Egypt of Waseda University**

The survey of Egypt by Institute of Egyptology Waseda University began in 1966. We took a general survey from 1966 to 1967 and applied to Egyptian government for excavation. In 1971, we got a permission for excavation at Malqata at the West Bank of Luxor. And we discovered the painted staircase - the festival building of Amenhotep before 3400 years - on Jan. 1974. It became a world topic of conversation. We subsequently made a lot of new discoveries, such as 200 mummies at a tomb of noble at Qurna in 1980, the foundation deposit at the royal tomb of Amenhotep at the West Valley of the Kings, and the twilight zone in Great Pyramid at Giza. During all the time from 1987, it is a feature that we've carried out the explanation of the sites by the application of the high-tech, such as discovering sites by electromagnetic subsurface radar or image analysis of satellite. It made us discover the Mortuary Temple of Kamwest, the fourth prince of Ramses before 3300 years on the hill in the desert 1km west of Saqara in 1991, Sphinx and Sekhmet with kartushe of Khufu from the slope on the eastern side of the same site, and the oldest large stone architecture from the same site in 2002. In addition, we discovered the tomb of Ipay of the aide to Tutankhamen at Dahashur about 15 km south of Saqara. And the discovery of the ring of Tutankhamen and Ankhesamen in the tomb set a new record of the history of the 18th dynasty. And the perfect mummy without being robbed before 3800 years was found on Jan. 2005 from the same site.

As above the excavation in Egypt of Waseda university for forty years has marked glorious mark on the modern history of the excavation in Egypt. I appreciate that understanding and support of Egyptian government has helped them. I will talk on the story of our excavation for forty years.