

The Fifth World Conference of the Society for East Asian Archaeology in Fukuoka, Japan: First Announcement

The Fifth World Conference of the Society for East Asian Archaeology will be held in Fukuoka, Japan in June 2012. The core academic program is scheduled to take place between 6th (Thursday) and 10th (Sunday) of June. The venues will be:

Kyushu University Nishijin Plaza

(<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/index.php>)

(<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/university/institution-use/nishijin/>)

and

Seinan Gakuin University

(<http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/>)

They are only about 5 minutes walk away from one another, and are conveniently located, only 10 minutes walk from the Fukuoka City Museum (<http://museum.city.fukuoka.jp/index.html>), renowned for its rich prehistoric and historic archaeological collection including the famous golden seal (http://museum.city.fukuoka.jp/english/eb/eb_fr2.html), and about 10 minutes tube-ride from the city centre of Fukuoka. (Map and general information of the city, see:

http://www.japaneselifestyle.com.au/travel/fukuoka_map.htm)

Fukuoka and its environs have been one of the most important hubs of interaction and communication in East Asia since prehistoric times, and are very rich in archaeological/historical heritage. The Kyushu National Museum (<http://www.kyuhaku.jp/>) and the Yoshinogari National Historical Park (<http://www.yoshinogari.jp/>) well exemplify this, and they will be included in pre/post-congress excursion programs.

A preliminary planning committee has been set up, and the full committee will start working shortly. At this stage, any question please contact: Dr Koji MIZOGUCHI, Kyushu University (mizog@scs.kyushu-u.ac.jp)