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Archaeology

調書 data sheet

発掘調査 archaeological excavation

記録 record

レベル (optical) level

フルイ sieve

考古科学 archaeometry 発掘調査報告書 fieldwork report 報告書 fieldwork report

if used in archaeological context

遺物 artifact

貝塚 shell midden 経塚 sutra mound 移動コスト cost of travel

neologism

保存処理 conservation treatment 遺構 (archaeological) features

下層 subsoil bay

referring to the space between two or four columns

踏查 field survey

ごみ捨て穴 trash pit ごみ穴 trash pit

産地推定provenance study保存科学conservation science

遺跡 (historical) site 出土 excavated/found

堆積 deposit

実測図 scale/measured drawing

ホウ酸ホウ砂水溶液 boric acid and borax solution

Architecture

塼 brick

基壇 1. (stone/rammed earth) podium

if it has stairs

2. (rammed earth) platform *if it does not have stairs*

3. pedestal

when referring to part of a stone lantern

礎石 base stone

心礎 central base stone

楼閣 pavilion 二階建て two-storied 擁壁 retaining wall 離宮 imperial villa

古墳 burial mound 横穴式石室 passage grave

溝 1. gutter

when referring to a shallow cut in the ground used for drainage

2. ditch

when referring to a deep cut in the ground used for drainage

3. trench
when referring to a deep cut in the ground not limited to drainage usage

掘立柱建物 post-in-ground structure

大垣 outer wall 講堂 lecture hall 食堂 refectory

in monasteries/temples

塔 pagoda

鴟尾 shibi (ridge-end) roof ornament

回廊 cloister 参道 approach 僧房 dormitory 金堂 main hall 宝蔵 treasury

経蔵 sutra repository

中門 central gate

in monasteries/temples

伽藍 temple complex

軒丸瓦 semi-cylindrical eaves-end pendant tile

JAANUS term

軒平瓦 concave eaves-end pendant tile

JAANUS term

巻斗 bearing block

大斗 (principal) bearing block

柱 column

長押 (column-embracing) tie beam

coined by the author

地覆 sill beam 地覆石 sleeper 束 strut

in architecture

腰壁束 (waist-level) strut

方立 jamb

accompanying a window or door

窓枠 window frame

連子子 paralell bar

頭貫 (column-penetrating) tie beam

coined by the author

桁 purlin

肘木 bracket arm 茅負 eaves support 棟木 ridge beam

垂木栓 (rafter-connecting) dowel

coined by the author

扠首 brace 垂木 rafter

虹梁 (curved) tie beam

coined by the author

重層の門 multi-entrance gate

宝物館 treasury

Artifacts

stirrup chopsticks folding fan

サイコロ dice

ちゅう木/籌木 hygiene stick 土器 earthenware

陶磁器 pottery

avoid "pottery and porcelain"

炻器 stoneware 糸巻 spool

石器 lithic / stone tool (preferred term)

瓦 roof tile

木簡 wooden tablet (established term) /

wooden document (preferred term)

木屑 wood chips

木製品 wooden artifact

if it was excavated

木質遺物 wooden artifact

有機質 organic

有機質遺物 organic material

Cultural resource management

文化財 cultural property (literal term) /

cultural heritage (preferred term)

文化遺産 cultural heritage 地方公共団体 local government

埋蔵文化財 "buried cultural properties" (literal translation) /

artifact (preferred term)

教育委員会 board of education

文化庁 Agency for Cultural Affairs

official translation

Designations

特別史跡 Special Historic Site

世界遺産 UNESCO World Heritage Site 重要文化財 Important Cultural Property

国宝 National Treasure

Fujiwara Palace & Capital

藤原宮 Fujiwara Palace

藤原宮跡 Fujiwara Palace Site 藤原京 Fujiwara Capital

キトラ古墳 Kitora Tumulus

official translation

山田寺 Yamadadera

Imperial matters

貴族 aristocrat

即位式 ascension to the throne

元日朝賀 New Year's Day celebration

state ceremony under the ritsury \bar{o} system

皇太子 crown prince

天皇 1. sovereign

inclusive

2. emperor

male

3. empress regnant

female

皇后 empress

太上天皇 1. retired sovereign

inclusive

2. retired emperor

male

3. retired empress regnant

female

Nara Capital

平城京 Nara Capital
西市 West Market
東市 East Market
右京 Right Capital
左京 Left Capital
条坊 grid-like layout
条 1. (row) avenue

2. row

when referring to the space between two row avenues

坊 1. (column) avenue

2. column

when referring to the space between two column avenues

坪 block 条大路 avenue

二条大路 Second Row Avenue 朱雀大路 Suzaku Boulevard

東大寺 Tōdaiji 法華寺 Hokkeji 興福寺 Kōfukuji Daianji 大安寺 元興寺 Gangōji 薬師寺 Yakushiji 唐招提寺 Tōshōdaiji Saidaiji 西大寺 Sairyūji 西隆寺

田村第 Tamura-no-dai

長屋王邸 Prince Nagaya's residence

羅城門 Rajō Gate 長安 Chang'an

Nara Palace & Palace Site

平城宮 Nara Palace 平城宮跡 Nara Palace Site 朱雀門 Suzaku Gate Mibu Gate 壬生門 左伯門 Saeki Gate 玉手門 Tamate Gate Chiisakobe Gate 小子部門 建部門 Takerube Gate 若犬養門 Wakainukai Gate

Royal Residence

内裏

大極殿 Imperial Audience Hall

大極殿院 Imperial Audience Hall Compound 第一次大極殿 Former Imperial Audience Hall 第二次大極殿 Latter Imperial Audience Hall

朝堂院 State Halls Compound

中央区朝堂院 Central State Halls Compound 東区朝堂院 Eastern State Halls Compound

朝集院 State Assembly Hall 東院庭園 East Palace Garden 西池宮 Palace of the West Pond

遺構展示館 Excavation Site Exhibition Hall

official translation

宇奈多理神社 Unatari Shrine 水上池 Kamigami Pond 御前池 Omae Pond 左紀池 Saki Pond 西池 West Pond

General

儀式 1. ceremony

2. state ceremony

if the sovereign makes an appearance

3. ritual

in religious context

高台 high ground

旧宅 former residence

寺院 temples 寺 1. temple

general term, a place of worship

2. monastery

place of residence for members of a religious community

3. nunnery

if managed by nuns

尼寺 nunnery

氏寺 tutelary temple

官営 state-run 堀河/堀川 canal 運河 canal

役所 court office

in Classical Japan

倉庫 storehouse 和紙 washi paper 墨 India ink

歴史的価値 historical significance

庶民 commoners 地下水 groundwater

地下水位 groundwater level 国府 provincial capital

土 soil

寺社 temples and shrines / religious institutes

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展示施設 exhibition facility 展示室 exhibition room

展示 exhibition 展示品 exhibit

企画展 thematic exhibition 特別展 special exhibition

壁画 mural 容器 vessel

史料集 full-text corpora 開眼供養 consecration