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INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

Retired Geographer, Editor of the magazine "History and Geography" by Yamakawa Shuppan

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political, Administrative and Urban Geography, Regional Geography of Europe and Japan.

ACADEMIC CAREER

He was director of department of human geography at the University of Tokyo till 1997 and dean of Faculty of Economics at Teikyo University (2002-10). As a member of commissions of various ministries, he was Japanese representative to ESCAP, HABITAT, UNESCO and UNGEGN and director of Maison du Japon at Paris (1991-93).

He was a chair of Working Group on Applied Geography of IGU (1980-1984), then its vice-president(2000-2008), when he contributed to create an independent commission for Geographical Olympiad founded in 2004 collaborating with Commission of Geographical Education.

He wrote many articles for Japanese, French, English and Chinese Journals on political, administrative, urban geography and its application. It is expected that his study will be extended to resolve the international boundary disputes from the view-point of geographical science. He is a member as vice-chair of Japanese delegate to UN Group of Experts on Conference Geographical Names.

He has assessed faculties or supervised graduate students for the universities in Japan, France, Hong Kong and India.

He has translated many geographical books such as "La terre et l'évolution humaine"(1922) by L.Febvre or "Géographie Universelle" (around 1990) by R.Brunet . He was nominated as a Honorary member of Japanese Geographical Society and of la Société de Géographie à Paris awarded by IGU and many Japanese scientific organizations.

