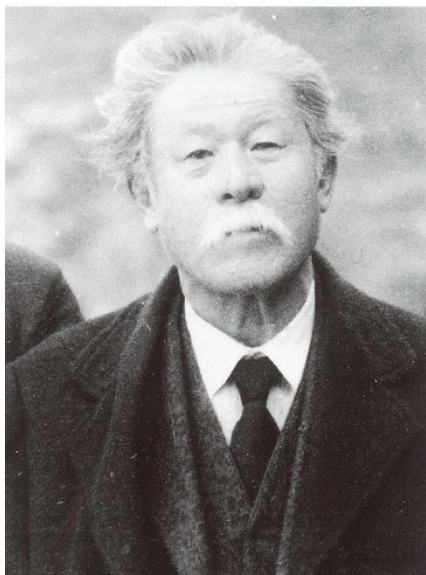


Chiyomatsu Ishikawa

(1861~1935)



Chiyomatsu Ishikawa was born in Edo (present-day Tokyo) in 1861, and is the author of the “Giant Salamander Report”.

He graduated from the Zoology department of Tokyo Teikoku University in 1882, and spent 4 years in Germany learning from Weismann, before becoming a professor at an agricultural university.

He was one of Japan’s leading scholars in the Theory of Evolution.

With an interest in Giant Salamanders, Chiyomatsu came to Yubara, Okayama

Prefecture from 1898 to 1899 to conduct research on the local Giant Salamanders (known in the area as Hanzaki).

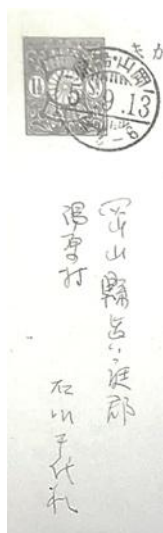
In 1901, he published his “Giant Salamander Report”.

The report clearly explained the Giant Salamander’s life, especially in regards to their breeding habitats.

With additional research later on, Yubara came to be known as the modern-day birthplace of Giant Salamanders.

Futhermore, Chiyomatsu, above anything else, lovingly conducted research about Yubara’s Culture, which heavily features the Giant Salamanders and includes the Grand Hanzaki Shrine, and spread the knowledge of “Yubara : the Hanzaki’s hometown” to the world.

“Yubara, the Hanzaki’s hometown” would not have been known if not for Chiyomatsu Ishikawa.



a postcard from Yubara



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Giant Salamander Report