

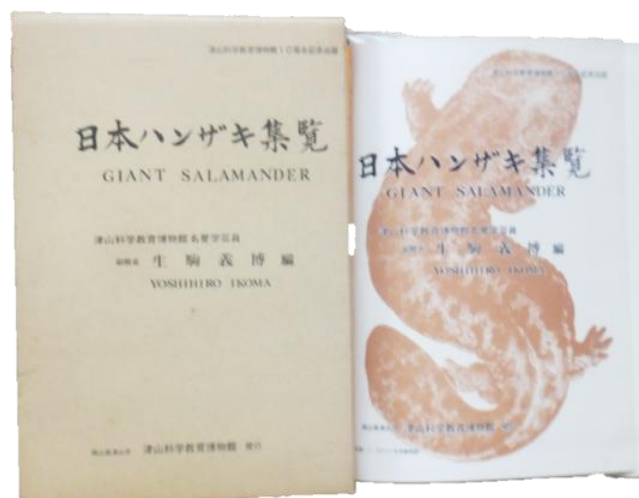
Ikoma Yoshihiro

(1892~1979)



Born in 1892, he studied the broad area surrounding the Taisho and Showa periods. In 1913, he joined the teaching profession after working as a lecturer at the former Tottori University. In 1950, he became a professor of biology at the new Tottori University, but retired in 1958. He also worked as a member of the Tottori Prefectural Cultural Property Specialist Board, the Tottori Prefectural Museum of Natural History Board, and as head of the Tottori Nature Society. He worked on research about the prefectural plant life and dedicated himself to the local protected species. In 1961, he became the Vice Director of the Tsuyama Museum of

Sciences. He also devoted himself to the study of the hanzaki, and was one of the many authors of the Hanzaki Notebook. In 1973, the Collection of works about the “Japanese Giant Salamander Works”, published by the Tsuyama Science Museum, comprehensively introduced several publications regarding the Giant Salamander throughout history. The collection contributed to many researchers works, who kept it close to hand. The Giant Salamanders were studied across both Tottori and Okayama prefectures, with several visits to Shinjo village, Hiruzen and Yubara. In Yubara, he researched Chiyomatsu Ishikawa, and the Hanzaki Shrine, and the 3rd and 4th display rooms of the current Hanzaki Center are based around Yoshihiro Ikoma’s research. We would like to give our thanks to the Tsuyama Science Museum (now known as the Tsuyama Miracle of Nature Hall), for sharing these documents with us. You are also able to see the “Japanese Giant Salamander Works” at the Yubara Library, in the nearby Yubara Fureai Center.



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