

Shiro Kawaguchi

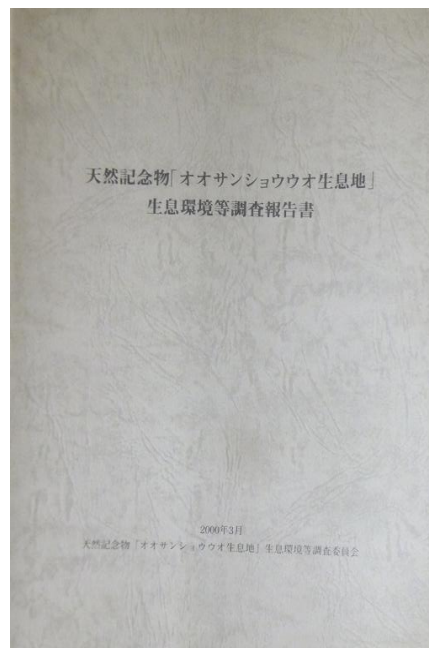
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Kawaguchi was born in Aichi Prefecture in 1908.

As a professor of both the ecology and physiology of animals, he is well known as the discoverer of symbiotic seaweed living on coral. After graduating from Tokyo Teikoku University (now Tokyo University), he became a professor at Okayama University in the Science Faculty, and also at Kawasaki Medical University. He compiled basic research on the protection and growth of the Japanese Giant Salamander and the Horseshoe Crab, both of which are protected species. In 1975, and from 1995-1999, with the Cultural Department of the Education Bureau of Okayama Prefecture as his official base, he compiled a research paper with a group which

observed and surveyed the Asahigawa River in northern Maniwa, designated as an official breeding ground of the Japanese Giant Salamander. The results of their research meant that detailed information regarding the state of the Japanese Giant Salamander's habitats and breeding were written down, and it would become an extremely important resource for Maniwa's protection of the species. Professor Kawaguchi noted in his report that due to the reform of agricultural land, the Giant Salamanders' habitats were being destroyed, and that their numbers were reducing, and with the warning that they would continue to do this over the coming years, he created a plan for the continued protection of the species based upon his research.



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