

In Memoriam

Kanji Kagami 1909–1963

1. Biography

Kanji Kagami was born in Ichinomiya city, Aichi Pref., in Japan on May 20th, 1909. He graduated from normal school in 1927, and studied by himself while he was engaged as a teacher, and passed the examination for the professor's licence. In 1944, he accepted a post in the East-Asia Research Institute. In 1946, he became a member of the staff of the Environmental Medicine Laboratory which belonged to Nagoya University. In 1951, he became a teacher of Geography at Nagoya technological High School, and in 1955 he held the additional post of lecturer at Aichi Gakuin University. In 1961, he became a member of *ANS*. He died on July 13, 1963.

2. Studies

He started his study as a geographer and gradually added the linguistic, historical, and cartographic fields to his range of interests. He was one of the pioneers of toponomy as a systematic science in Japan. He examined and classified the place-names listed on topographical maps (scale: 1:50,000) all over Japan, and systematically described and interpreted the many types of place-names in Japan. He also did significant and perceptive field work, and established in Japan the methods of the reading place-names according to the topography and distribution of place-name types.

He participated in the establishment of the "Society of Toponomic Research of Japan" in Kyoto organized by Mr. Fumihiko Nakano, and helped edit the "Toponomic Research" of the Society. He introduced many toponomic works of foreign countries into the Japanese learned world by contributing to the above-mentioned magazine and others. As a geographer, he especially studied the history of the development of settlements, and wrote many papers on cartography.

3. Bibliography: Main works on Toponymy.

Abbreviations: Chihyō, "Chirigaku-Hyōron" (The geographical Review of Japan); Topo., "Toponomic Research"; PN., Place-names; BzN., "Beiträge zur Namenforschung."

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