

First Circular: 4th Symposium of the International Geological
Correlation Programme (IGCP), Project 507 *Paleoclimates of the
Cretaceous in Asia and their global correlation*



Kumamoto University and Mifune Dinosaur Museum,

Kumamoto, Japan

1-6, December, 2009

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General Information

Following successful symposia in Philippines (Quezon, 2006), Korea (Seoul, 2007) and Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar, 2008), the 4th international symposium of IGCP 507 will be held in Kumamoto University, Kyushu, Japan. The symposium aims to create an opportunity to discuss the Cretaceous bio-diversity, faunal change, environments and climate in Asia based upon the studies of paleontology, paleoecology, stratigraphy, sedimentology and geochemistry.

The symposium will include two days of oral and poster presentations including a half-day main session on “Vertebrate evolution in Asia during the Cretaceous (the official title to be announced)”. It is followed by regular sessions on paleoenvironments, stratigraphy, paleontology and tectonics. In regular sessions there will be a variety of talks and posters on regional geology, stratigraphy, vertebrate and invertebrate fossil faunas and environments in the eastern part of the Asian continent during the Cretaceous.

Two field excursions, pre-symposium and post-symposium field excursions, will be prepared to observe the non-marine and marine Upper Cretaceous deposits in Central Kyushu, that containing mega- and micro-fossils abundantly. In a three-day pre-symposium field excursion, we will visit some important sites for the Upper Cretaceous stratigraphy, paleontology and depositional environments in the Himenoura and Goshoura Groups in Amakusa Islands. In one-day post-symposium field excursion, we will visit a dinosaur locality in the Mifune Group and Mifune Dinosaur Museum, Kumamoto Prefecture.

The organizing and scientific committees warmly welcome you in Kumamoto, for the IGCP 507 symposium, hosted by Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University and Mifune Dinosaur Museum.

Organizing and Scientific Committees in Symposium

Dr. Makoto Manabe, National Museum of Nature and Science, Japan

Dr. Toshifumi Komatsu, Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University

Mr. Naoki Ikegami, Mifune Dinosaur Museum

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Co-Organizing Agency

- Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University
- Mifune Dinosaur Museum
- Kumamoto International Convention and Tourism Bureau

Symposium & field excursions

- Symposium on the Paleoclimates of the Cretaceous in Asia and their global correlation: December, 4-5th, 2009, in Kumamoto University, Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan.
- Pre-symposium field excursion: December, 1-3, 2009, the Upper Cretaceous Himenoura and mid-Cretaceous Goshoura Groups, Amakusa Islands, Kumamoto.
- Post-symposium field excursion: December, 6th, 2009, the Mifune Dinosaur Museum and Upper Cretaceous Mifune Group, Mifune, Kumamoto.

Registration Fees

● Symposium (4-5th, December, 2009) and post-symposium field excursion. The registration fee includes admission to the poster and oral presentations, abstract volume, refreshments, welcome dinner. It also includes the one-day post-symposium field excursion (Mifune Group) and a two-hour trip to the historic Kumamoto Castle on December 6.

- Professional delegates: **US\$ 180**
- Student delegates: **US\$100**

○ Pre-symposium field excursion (1-3^{ed}, December, 2009). This registration fee includes field guide book, accommodations, seven meals and transportation during the excursion.

- Professional and student delegates: **US\$ 430**

Accommodation

In Kumamoto, “Toyoko Inn Kumamoto Suido-cho Denteimae” will be our official hotel for the symposium. The booking can be made through the Organizing Committee of the Symposium. The room rate is US\$62(single) and US\$83(twin) per night. All rooms have a LAN access for your PC. There is a PC and printer for communal use in the lobby. Please make your own bookings should you prefer to stay at other hotels.

Date & Venue (key dates)

22 May, 2009: First Circular release

20 June, 2009: Second Circular release

5 August, 2009: Reply to Second Circular

15 September, 2009: Deadline for submission of abstracts

30 November, 2009: Arrival of participants for Pre-symposium Field Excursion (1-3 December)

3 December: Arrival of participants for Symposium

Scientific Program & Official Language

The official language is **English**. We will provide a Windows PC with a projector in the symposium and regular sessions. Please plan to give the presentation with **Microsoft Power Point®**.

Preparation & Submission of Abstract

Participants for **oral and poster presentations** have to submit an abstract in English. The abstract should not be longer than **2 printed pages** (single-spaced printed on A4 sized papers) including figures and tables, if any. Each abstract must include: (1) Title, (2) Name(s) of author(s), (3) Affiliation(s) of author(s) including e-mail address of the first author, (4) Text, and (5) References cited. Corresponding author should send the abstract preferably in **MS Word** to Dr. Komatsu (IGCP507@sci.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) by **15, September, 2009**.

Poster Presentation

Participants have to prepare the posters in English. Dimensions of poster will be announced in the second circular.

Travel Information

The symposium will be held at the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University, Kumamoto City in the central part of Kyushu, Japan. The Kumamoto International Airport is located in about 12 km northeast from Kumamoto City. Detail information for transportation will be provided in the second circular.

Visa

Participants who need an official letter of invitation for a visa application are asked to supply the Committee with the following information:

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