

## From hearths to pit dwellings



The pit dwelling of the Hinataue site  
This was the first experience of the complete excavation of a pit dwelling for Mr. Miyasaka, and also for the Suwa region

In early days of Mr. Miyasaka's research, the excavation had been done not in the academic way. He had firstly kept his eyes on the spots where a number of fragments of pottery or lithic artifacts was exposed, and then dug such spots. Sometimes he found the hearths or large pottery beneath the spots, he willingly excavated the large pottery up from the hearths. Such large pottery was treasure to him.

However, he had waited for a opportunity to excavating a whole pit dwelling at the Togariishi site, because he had read the reports concerning with the pit dwellings researched in Japan. The first time of it was done at the Hinataue site, located in Shionome district, approximately 3km away in west direction from the Togariishi site.

Mr. Miyasaka invited two academic archaeologists and asked them for advices in the research. The archaeologists were Mr. YAWATA Ichiro and Mr. SAKAZUME Nakao who belonged to the Institute of Archaeology of the Tokyo Imperial University.