

## Reconsidering the Settlement of the Togariishi and Yosukeone site

The number of pit dwellings at the Togariishi site was 33 and that of the Yosukeone was 28 excavated by Mr. Miyasaka in Showa era. And Miyasaka's hypothesis explained that some social facilities were made at the central space of the Togariishi site surrounded by those pit dwellings. Mr. Miyasaka also considered the two settlements of the Togariishi and Yosukeone had existed together in same period, i.e. latter half of the Middle Jomon, dated back to 4500 - 4000 yrBP by radiocarbon.

In Heisei era (1989-2019), Chino City Board of Education carried out the excavation researches for several times. The researches revealed that other features including pit dwellings existed more in the Togariishi site. We put those pit dwellings in chronological order based on the unearthed pottery, the recognition on the Togariishi settlement has been changed. The structure of the Togariishi and Yosukeone site is divided into 2 phases.

The first phase, dated back to 5000 yrBP to 4500 yrBP by the pottery which is generally considered as that dates by the radiocarbon, Jomon people settled relatively in the west area of the Togariishi area and the pit dwellings were made in two clusters, the north and the south. These two clusters of the pit dwellings gradually transformed into circular shape. Possibly the people planned the central space for some ceremony.