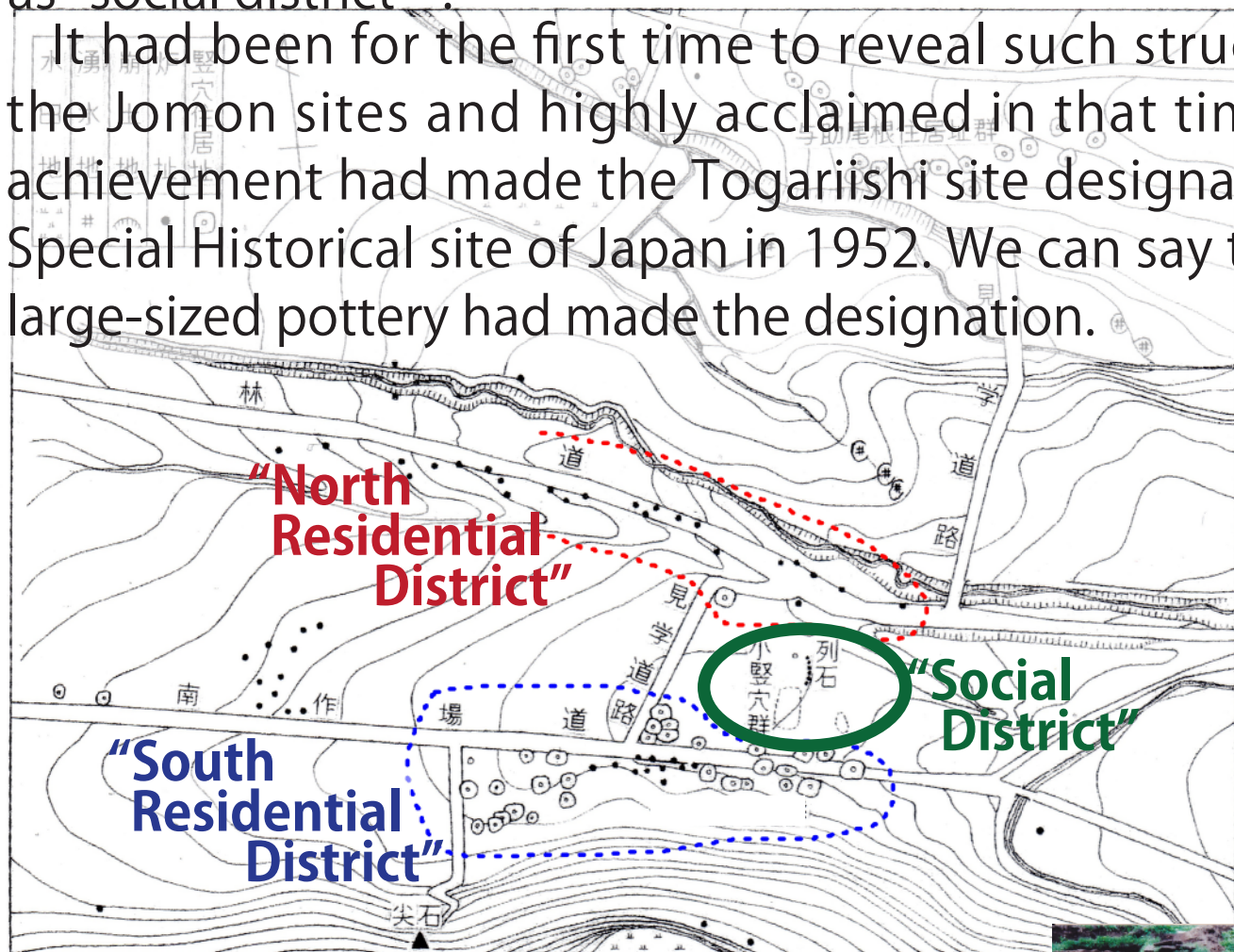


The structure of the internal settlement of the Togariishi site had been revealed by the excavation researches done while 1940 to 1942. The structure had been explained as follows: the north and south “residential districts” (pit dwellings) had been surrounded the the line-arranged stones, numerous small pits and the ALONE large-sized pottery, so those features was considered as “public facilities of the site” , i.e. this central area had been worked as “social district” .

It had been for the first time to reveal such structure of the Jomon sites and highly acclaimed in that time. This achievement had made the Togariishi site designated as a Special Historical site of Japan in 1952. We can say that this large-sized pottery had made the designation.



▲ Assumed structure of the Togariishi site based on the results of the researches by 1942

Line-arranged stones  
unearthed in 1942 (L)  
Rediscovery by the test  
excavation in 1993 (R)



1942



1993