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Report of Research Visit

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Personal Information

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Individual

Subject of Research

Studies in Latin Love Elegies

Location

Christ Church, University of Oxford, UK

Researchers I contacted are:

Prof. Robert Parker, Prof. Peter Persons, Prof. Stephen Harrison, Dr. Gunther Martin

Period

Departure: 3rd August, 2012

Return: 20th August, 2012

18 days

Outline of Initial Plan

By joining "Oxford Summer School" (promoted by Prof. Yasunori Kasai)

1. Attend the International Symposium "Freedom and the State: Plato and the Classical Tradition" (promoted by Prof. Noburu Notomi, Keio University)
2. Visit the libraries and museums in Oxford and London
3. Listen to lectures given by professors of the University of Oxford

Outcome

1. It was a precious experience to see Japanese scholars discussing with British scholars in English at the symposium.
2. I visited the Bodleian Library and the Sackler Library of Oxford and read old printed books of Propertius edited by Broekhuizen (1702), Barth (1777), Burmannus (1780)

etc.. I also visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and the British Museum in London.

3. I took series of lectures on the Classical education in Oxford, papyrology, literary criticism with historical backgrounds. Also Professor Harrison, whose specialty is Latin literature, talked on the international research of Latin literature.

Prospect of future research

I intend to interpret Propertius' elegies in the philological and historical perspectives. It was very fortunate that I visited the best libraries in the field of Classics and references and took lectures during my stay in Oxford. I hope to make the experience of this visit profitable for my future presentation or discussion in foreign languages and joining the community of international researchers.