

MWU's DAAM (Department of Architecture and Architecture Major) Special Lecture

Unearthing the Mysteries of Ancient Civilizations

Date : November 18 (Saturday), 2017, 13:00~16:30
Venue : West Hall, Koshien Hall
Lecturer : Prof. Takashi INOUE
(Specially-appointed professor at Tokyo University of the Arts)

Prof. Takashi INOUE, former producer of NHK's New Silk Road and Specially-Appointed Professor at Tokyo University of the Arts, was invited to give a lecture.

The first half was entitled *Unearthing the Mysteries of Egypt*. Prof. Inoue began with a discussion of lapis lazuli, which was used in the mask of King Tutankhamun and proceeded to share basic knowledge pertaining to Egyptian archaeology, such as an overview of people having to do with Tutankhamun, the dispute over the "hidden chamber" in his tomb, and theories about the goal of building the Pyramids. He also gave an overview of the excavations at Dahshur North, which he was involved in filming, and presented various episodes of them.

The second half was entitled *Unearthing the Mysteries of Loulan (Krorän)*. Prof. Inoue covered Sven Hedin, Lop Nur, the Taklamakan Desert, and other basic aspects in his introduction about Loulan. He then gave an overview of the excavations at the Xiaohe Cemetery, at one end of Loulan, with a presentation of the rare video showing the moment when the mummies were excavated and the episode of its filming. These topics, as well as many additional mysteries, such as the fact that there were no dwellings there, conveyed the allure of Loulan to us.

This valuable lecture exposed us to a topic of a scale far more vast than our everyday world in terms of both time and space and was also a point of departure to reexamine our everyday sense of scale as it relates to architectural design.



Prof. Takashi INOUE giving a lecture