

Curriculum Vitae

MASARU YOSHIDA

Profile



Masaru YOSHIDA was born in December 1937 in Tokyo, with his father Akira Yoshida and mother Sumi Yoshida. He graduated from Hokkaido University (Department of Geology and Mineralogy, Faculty of Science, and the Hokkaido University Mountaineering Club).

In 1968-1970, he stayed over a year in Antarctica as a member of the Japanese team, and since then, he concentrated in research of Antarctica, including the first report of discovery of Yamato meteorites. He worked as a teaching staff of the Osaka City University from October 1970 to March 2001 when he retired from the university. Since 1985, he has been engaged in the international scientific activity related to the Gondwana research, which had been very rare as a Japanese geoscientist. He inaugurated the Gondwana Research Group in 1993, and the International Association for Gondwana Research in 1995, and inaugurated an international geoscience journal Gondwana Research in 1996. He worked several years as the chief editor of Gondwana News Letter and 5 years as the chief co-editor of Gondwana Research. He published over 25 books and special issues of journals, about 260 scientific reports including original papers, survey reports and short reports, about 200 presentations at symposiums, and about 100 miscellaneous reports and notes. He convened several international scientific projects including UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP 368, served as referees for promotion of foreign scientists as well as evaluation of doctoral theses.

In 2001, he inaugurated the Gondwana Institute for Geology and Environment (GIGE) (international NGO, with 6 chapters in Gondwanan countries). Presently, he is serving as the President of GIGE, President of the Gondwana Research Group and the Emeritus President of the International Association for Gondwana Research.

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Home Address: 147-2 Hashiramoto, Hashimoto-shi, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan

Registered Permanent Address: 13-3 Nohise-cho, Obama-shi, Fukui Prefecture, Japan

Marital Status and family: Married, with three children

Major Occupation: President, Gondwana Institute for Geology and Environment

Subsidiary Occupation: Emeritus President, International Association for Gondwana Research, and Emeritus Professor, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Major institution: Gondwana Institute for Geology and Environment

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Educational History

1961.3 Graduated from the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, Faculty of Science, Hokkaido University (B.Sc.)

1964.3 Finished the Master-course of the same department, Hokkaido University (M.Sc.)

1968.3 Finished the Doctoral course of the same department, Hokkaido University

1977.12 Obtained D. Sc. from the Hokkaido University

Work History including Major Academic Volunteer Services

1962.4-1965.3 Expert Non-regular staff of Hokkaido Development Bureau (Engaged in geological survey of Cenozoic volcanic terranes of Hokkaido)

1968.8-1970.6 Technical Officer, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (Member of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition)

1970.10-1981.3 Research Associate, Osaka City University

1979.10-1980.1 Member of the Japanese Antarctic Expedition, MacMurdo Station of USA

1981.4-1988.3 Lecturer of Osaka City University

1988.4-1991.3 Associate Professor of Osaka City University

1991.4-2001.3. Professor of Osaka City University

1993-Present President, Gondwana Research Group

1995.2-2001.3. President, International Association for Gondwana Research

1996-2002 Chief co-editor, Gondwana Research

1999 - 2003 Emeritus Guest Professor, Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka

2001.4-Present: Emeritus President, International Association for Gondwana Research

2001.4- President, Gondwana Institute for Geology and Environment

2003.10-2005.10: Professor, Department of Geology, Trichandra Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu (JICA Senior Volunteer)

Research Activity

1962-1968 Research mainly on the tectonics and petrology of Tanzawa Mountains, Central Japan (composed of Tertiary green schists intruded by a tonalitic mass), as the graduate course student, Hokkaido University.

1968-1970 Research on the tectonics and petrology of the Lutzow-Holm Bay area, East Antarctica, as the member of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition.

1970-present: Research mainly on the tectonics and petrology of basement rocks (mostly metamorphic) of Japan, Antarctica, and Gondwanaland areas, as a staff of the Department of Geosciences, Faculty of Science, Osaka City University (by 2001) and as the President of Gondwana Institute for Geology and Environment (since 2001).

Awards and Honor

1999 - 2003 Emeritus Guest Professor, Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka
1996: Ananda Coomaraswamy Medal, Geological Society of Sri Lanka
2001- Emeritus President, International Association for Gondwana Research.
2010- Emeritus Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Guest Professorship

1985 Guest Professor, Peradeniya University (Sri Lanka)
1985 Guest Researcher, Center for Earth Science Studies (India)
1986 Guest Professor, Andhra University (India)
1986 Guest Professor, Tribhuvan University (Nepal).
1992 Guest Professor, Leningrad University (Russia).
1993 Guest Professor, Andhra University (India).
1995 Guest Professor, Sanct Petersburg University (Russia).
1997 Guest Professor, Shanghai Teachers University (Shanghai).
1999-2003, Emeritus Professor (Research), Institute of Fundamental Studies (Sri Lanka)
1999 Guest Professor, San Paulo University
2000 Guest Professor, San Paulo University.
2000-2002 Council member, Precambrian Research Center of China Geological Survey.
2001 Botswana University (Botswana)
2001 Quwait University (Quwait).
2003-2005: Guest Professor, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)
2009- Emeritus Professor Tribhuvan University

Record of Leadership of International Scientific Project

1990-1995, Convenor, Japanese Working Group IGCP-288, Gondwanaland Sutures and Fold Belts.
1991-1995, Project leader, Japan-India joint research on Geologic Comparison between India and Antarctica.
1993-1995, Project co-leader, Japan-Russia Joint Research on Granulites of South India.
1992-1993, Project leader, Proterozoic Mobile Belts in Gondwanaland, Grant-in-Aid, International Research of Japan Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. (MONBUSHO)
1995-1999, Project chief co-leader, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP No. 368, Proterozoic Events in East Gondwana.
1996-1997, Project leader, Tectonics of Eastern Ghats Mobile Belt of India: Research on Proterozoic Events in East Gondwana. (Grant-in-Aid, MONBUSHO)

1993-1997, Project co-leader, Joint Research Project with the Geological Survey of India, on the Precambrian geology of southern and eastern India.

1998-2000, Project leader, Tectonics of the Central Indian Tectonic Zone: Research on Proterozoic Events in East Gondwana (IGCP-368). (Grant-in-Aid, MONBUSHO)

1999-2000, Project co-organizer, Japan-India Joint Research Program, Crustal Evolution of the Eastern and Central Indian Craton and surrounding Mobile Belts, India.

2003-Present, Project co-convenor, Nepal-Japan Joint Program, Guidebooks for Eco-trekking in Himalaya.

Organizer, Sponsor and Convenor of International Symposiums/Field Workshops

1994, Co-organizer, International Field Workshop, Crustal Section of Peninsular Gneiss-Gondwana-Eastern Ghats, India: UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-288. 15-20 Jan., Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam.

1995, Co-organizer, International Symposium on India and Antarctica during the Precambrian and Granulite and Crustal Processes in East Gondwana, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368, 1-3 Dec., Visakhapatnam, India.

1996, Co-organizer, International Symposium and Field Workshop, The Proterozoic Continental Crust of Southern India, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368. 20-27 Aug, Trivandrum, India.

1996, Co-sponsor, International Symposium on Charnockite and Granulite Facies Rocks, Sept., 25-29, Madras.

1996. Co-convenor, Session 8-6, Major Precambrian Events and the Division of Tectonic Episodes, 30th IGC, 4-14 August, Beijing.

1997, Sponsor, Symposium 09, Supercontinent Construction and Destruction, EUG 9, 25-26 March, Strasbourg, France.

1997, Co-convenor, Open Forum, Discovering Supercontinents, EUG9, 26 March, Strasbourg.

1997, Co-organizer, International Symposium on Geology and Mineral Resources of Madagascar, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368, 21-22 Aug., Antananarivo, Madagascar.

1997, Co-sponsor, International Field Workshops on Proterozoic Geology of Madagascar, 16-20 & 22-30 Aug, Madagascar.

1998, Co-organizer, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368 Field Workshop, Southeastern Zimbabwe and Western Central Mozambique, 11-18 July.

1998, Co-convenor, International Seminar and Field Workshop on Precambrian Crust in Eastern and Central India, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368, 21 Oct - 3 Nov., Bhubaneswar, India.

1999, Co-sponsor, Orogenesis in the Outback: A Look at Cyclicity in Orogenic Belts (UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP-368 International Symposium and Field Workshop). 12-22 July, Alice Spring, Australia.

1999, Co-sponsor, International Symposium on crustal Structure and Geodynamics of Central China and related Gondwana fragments (Yichang, China).

2000, Co-convenor, Session T6 "Assembly and Dispersion of Rodinia and Gondwana supercontinents in Western Pacific. Western Pacific Geophysics Meeting, AGU, 26-30 June, Tokyo.

2000, Co-convenor, General Symposium 9-7 "Proterozoic Events in East Gondwana" of 31st IGC, 6-17th August 2000, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2001, Co-sponsor, International Symposium and Field Workshop, Tectonics and Mineralization in the Arabian Shield and its Extensions, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, March.

2001. 10. Co-convenor, International Symposium on the Assembly and Breakup of Rodinia and Gondwana, and Growth of Asia, 26-30 October 2001, Osaka, Japan.

2002.9. Co-organizer (as IAGR), International Symposium on the Amalgamation of Precambrian Blocks and the Role of the Paleozoic Orogenes in Asia (PP0-Asia), 5-7 Sept. 2003, Sapporo, Japan.

2004.10. Co-convenor, International Seminar and Field Workshop on Natural Disaster Mitigation and Issues on Technology Transfer in South and Southeast Asia (JICA Regional Seminar), 30th September - 13th November 2004, Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kaligandaki, Nepal.

Major Scientific Publications

About 280 scientific publications including 20 editings of memoirs, special issues of journals etc. Some important publications are listed below.

Yoshida, M., Ando, H., Omoto, K., Naruse, R., and Ageta, Y. (1971) Discovery of meteorites near Yamato Mountains, East Antarctica. Antarctic Record, 39, 62-65.

Yoshida, M. and Ando, H. (1971) Geological survey in the vicinity of Lutzow-Holm Bay and the Yamato Mountains, East Antarctica. Antarctic Rec., 39, 46-54.

Yoshida, M. (1972) On the metamorphic history of the Tanzawa Mountainland, Central Japan. J. Geosci., Osaka City Univ., 15, 113-142.

Yoshida, M., (1973) Mylonitic rocks along the Median Tectonic Line, Kinki (In Japanese). In Sugiyama, R. (ed), Median Tectonic Line, Tokai University Press, Tokyo, 149-178.

Yoshida, M. (1976) Microstructures of mylonitic rocks (in Japanese). MTL (Newsletter, Joint Project on the Formative Processes of the Median Tectonic Line), No. 1, 69-79.

Yoshida, M., Yoshida, Y., Ando, H., Ishikawa, T. and Tatsumi, T. (1976) Antarctic Geological Map Ser., Sheet 9, Skallen 1:25,000, with an explanatory text, 16 pages with 2 plates. National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo.

Yoshida, M. (1978) Tectonics and petrology of charnockites around Lutzow-Holmbukta, East Antarctica. J. Geosci., Osaka City Univ., 21, 65-152.

Yoshida, M. (1979) Mylonitic rocks along the Median Tectonic Line, Japan. 14th Circum Pacific Scientific Congress, Khabarovsk. Abstracts Section B IV 122-124.

Yoshida, M. (1979) Metamorphic conditions of the polymetamorphic Lutzow Holmbukta-region, East Antarctica. J. Geosci., Osaka City Univ., 22, 97-140.

Yoshida, M. (1980) Classification of mylonitic rocks. 26th IGC, Paris. Abstracts, 411.

Yoshida, M. and Kizaki, K. (1983) Tectonic situation of Lutzow-Holm Bay in East Antarctica and its significance in Gondwanaland. In R. Oliver et al. (eds), Antarctic Earth Sciences, Austral. Acad. Sci., Canberra, 36-39.

Yoshida, M. (1988) A reconnaissance geological survey of Sri Lanka and India 1985-1986, for comparing geology in India, Sri Lanka and Antarctica. J. Geosci., Osaka City Univ. 31, 1-17.

Yoshida, M., Hunaki, M. and Vitanage, P.W. (1992) Proterozoic to Mesozoic East Gondwana: the juxtaposition of India-Sri Lanka-Antarctica. Tectonics, 11, 381-391.

Yoshida, M. and Santosh, M. (1994) A tectonic perspective of incipient charnockites in East Gondwana. In: Reith, M. and Hoernes, S. (eds), Tectonic, metamorphic and isotopic evolution of deep crustal rocks, with special emphasis on Sri Lanka. Sp. Issue, Precambrian Res. 66, 379-392.

Yoshida, M. (1995) A suspect Pan-African suture in the Lutzow-Holm Bay -Sri Lanka sector of East Gondwana. Gondwana News Letter, 5, In J. African Earth Sci. 20-3/4, vii-ix.

Yoshida, M. and Santosh, M. (eds) (1995) India and Antarctica during the Precambrian, Geol. Soc. India. No.34. Geol. Soc. India, Bangalore, 412 pages.

Yoshida, M. (1995) Assembly of East Gondwana during Precambrian and its rejuvenation during the Pan-African period. Mem. 34, Geol. Soc. India, 25-45.

Yoshida, M., Santosh, M. and Arima, M. (eds) (1996) Precambrian India within East Gondwana. Sp. Issue., J. Southeast Asian Earth Sci., v.14, No. 3-4. Pergamon/Elsevier, Oxford, 329 pages.

Yoshida, M., Bindu, S., Kagami, H., Rajesham, T., Santosh, M. & Shirahata, H., (1996) Geochronologic constraints of granulite terrains of South India and its implications to the Precambrian Gondwana assembly. J. SE Asian Earth Sci., 14, 137-147.

Yoshida, M., Muhongo, S., Rambeloson, R. and Janardhan, A.S. (eds) (1999) Madagascar Within Gondwanaland, Gondwana Research vol. 2, no. 3, 333-502.

Yoshida, M., Rajesh, H.M. and Santosh, M. (1999) Juxtaposition of India and Madagascar: A perspective. Gondwana Res., 2, 449-462.

Yoshida, M. and Arima, M. (2000) Assembly and breakup of supercontinent and global environmental change (IGCP-368). In: Tuchi, R. (ed), Earth's Environment and the IGCP Activities for the 21st Century, Japan Contribution to the IGCP, 2000. Japan National Committee for IGCP, Shizuoka, 1-8.

Yoshida, M., Jacobs, J., Santosh, M. and Rajesh, H.M. (2000) A suspect Pan-African suture in East Gondwana: A critical review from Madagascar, South India, Sri Lanka and East Antarctica. Keynote talk, General Symposium 9-7, 31st IGC, Rio de Janeiro.

Yoshida, M., Windley, B.F. and Dasgupta (eds) (2003) Proterozoic East Gondwana: Supercontinent Assembly and Break-up. Geol. Soc., London, Sp. Pub. 206, 480 pages.

Yoshida, M., Jacobs, J., Santosh, M. and Rajesh, H.M. (2003) Role of Pan-African events in the Circum-East Antarctic Orogen of East Gondwana: a critical overview. In: Yoshida, M., Windley, B.F. and Dasgupta, S. (eds), Proterozoic East Gondwana: Supercontinent Assembly and Break-up, Geol. Soc., London, Special Pub. No. 206, 57-75.

Yoshida, M., Kampunzu, A.B., Li, Z.X. and Watanabe, T. (2003): Assembly and Breakup of Rodinia and Gondwana. Gondwana Research Sp. Issue, 6, 137-270.

Yoshida, M., 2003, Episodes of the First Discovery of Yamato Meteorites (Antarctica), Part 1. (in Japanese). Chigaku Kyouiku to Kagaku Undo (Education of Geoscience and its Social Impact), 42, 54-62.

Kokonyangi, J., Kampunzu, A.B., Poujol, M., Okudaira, T., Yoshida, M. and Shabeer, K.P., Petrology and geochronology of Mesoproterozoic mafic-intermediate plutonic rocks from Mitwaba (D.R> Congo): implications for the evolution of the Kibaran belt in central Africa. Geol. Mag., 142, 109-130.

Yoshida, M., 2005, Natural disasters, their mitigation, and importance of technology transfer. Sp. Pub., 2, Dept. Geol., Trichandra Campus, Tribhuvan Univ., Kathmandu, 1-7.

Yoshida, M. and Upreti, B.N., 2006, Neoproterozoic India within East Gondwana: Constraints from recent geochronologic data from Himalaya. Gondwana Research, 10, 349-356.

Yoshida, M. and Upreti, B.N., DeCelles, P. G., Gehrels, G., and Ojha, T.P., 2006, Basement history and provenance of the Tethys sediments of the Himalaya: an appraisal based on recent geochronologic and tectonic data. Bulletin of the Tethys Geological Society, Cairo, Vol. 1, 1-6.

Kokonyangi, J.W., Kampunzu, A.B., Armstrong, R., Arima, M., Yoshida, M. and Okudaira, T., 2007, U-Pb SHRIMP dating of detrital zircons from the Nzilo Group (Kibaran Belt): implications for the source of sediments and Mesoproterozoic evolution of central Africa. J. Geol., 115, 99-113.

Yoshida, M., 2007, Geochronological data evaluation critical for the Proterozoic tectonics of East Gondwana. Gondwana Research 12, 228-241.

Yoshida, M., Upreti, B.N., 2011, Review of detrital zircon age and Sm-Nd isotopic data from Himalaya -Support to the Mesoproterozoic formation of East Gondwana. Jour. Geol.

Soc. Nepal, 43 (Special Issue), 29-36.

[Yoshida, M., Upreti, B.N. and Rai, S.M. \(Eds.\), 2011](#), Guiebook for Himalayan Trekkers, Ser. 2, Ecotrekking in the Everest Region, Eastern Nepal. Sp. Publ. No.3, Dept. Geol., Trichandra Campus, Tribhuvan Univ., Kathmandu. 195 pages.

[Yoshida, M., Watanabe, O., 2012](#), Role of student mountaineering clubs in the development of geological sciences - An example of the Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido. In Kato, H., Inomata, M., Suzuki, Y. (eds), Visual Images and Geological Concepts, Proceedings of INHIGEO 2011, Japan, 179-185.

[Yoshida, M. and Spencer, V. \(Transl.\), 2012](#), Approaching Crisis of Global Cooling and the Limits to Growth-Global Warming is not Our Future. Maruyama, S. (Author), IAGR/GRG Mem. 11, Fiel Science Publishers, Hashimoto, and Xlibris Co., IN, USA., 146 pages.

Yoshida, M. (ed), 2012, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - Record of the First Student Himalayan Geotour in March 2012 (in Japanese). GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 25, 152 pages. Field Science Pub., Hashimoto.

Yoshida, M. (ed.), 2013, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - A Record of the Second Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2013 (in Japanese with English abstracts, Electronic book). GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 26, 106 pages, Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto.

[Yoshida, M., Amano, K., Nakai,H \(Eds.\), 2013](#), Geotours, Geoparks and Geo-Olympic - Enjoy Geosciences (in Japanese). Geol. Soc. Japan, E-book, 251 pages. (The above link is a part of the manuscript of the e-book) .

Yoshida, M., Upreti B.N., 2014, Guidebook for Himalayan Trekkers, Ser. No.1, Geology and Natural Hazards along the Kaligandaki Valley, Nepal. Prov. Second Edition. GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub. No. 27, Field Science Pub., Hashimoto, Japan, 143 pages.

Yoshida, M. (ed), 2014, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - A Record of the Third Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2014 (in Japanese with English abstracts, Electronic book). GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 28, Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto, 201 pages.

Yoshida, M., 2014 , The Student Himalayan Exercise Program I - Start of the project and the preparation of the program (In Japanese). Education and Movements in Geosciences) , 73, 57-62.

Yoshida, M. (transl), 2015 , Global Cooling in the 21st Century and Estimates of Environmental Change. Yoshida, M. and Spencer, V , transl 2012, Maruyama, S., author, 2008). Toshindo, Tokyo, 151 pages .

Yoshida, M., 2015 , The Student Himalayan Exercise Program II - Preparation for the exercise tour (in Japanese).Education and Movements in Geosciences , 74, 63-70.

Yoshida, M. (ed.), 2015. Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - A Record of the Fourth Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2015 (in Japanese with English abstracts, Electronic book), GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 30, Field Science Pub., Hashimoto, 191 pages.

Yoshida, M., Yoshida, Y , 2015 , Two-Years of Senior Volunteer in Nepal (E-book). Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto, 174 pages.

Editorship

1993-1997, Chief editors, Gondwana News Letter Nos. 1-8.
1997-2000, Sub-editors, Gondwana News Letter Nos. 9-15.

1994-1998, Co-editor, Gondwana Research Group Miscellaneous Publication Nos. 1,2,3,4,7,9,10,14 and 15. Field Science Publishers, Osaka.

1995, Chief co-editor, Geological Society of India Memoir No. 34.

1995-1999 Co-editor, Gondwana Research Group Memoir Nos. 1-5, Field Science Publishers, Osaka.

1996, Chief guest co-editor, Journal of SE Asian Earth Sciences, Vol. 14, Nos. 3/4. (Precambrian India within East Gondwana).

1999, Chief guest co-editor, Madagascar within Gondwanaland, Gondwana Research Special Issue, Vol. 2, No. 3.

2001, Guest co-editor, Crustal Evolution in South and Southeast Asia, Gondwana Research Special Issue, Vol. 4, No. 1..

2001, Guest co-editor, Tectonics and Mineralization in the Arabian Shield and its Extensions, Gondwana Research Special Issue, Vol. 4, No. 2.

1997-2002, Co-chief editor, Gondwana Research Vol. 1, Nos. 1-4, Vol. 2, Nos. 1-4, Vol. 3, Nos. 1-4, Vol. 4, Nos. 1-4, Vol. 5, Nos. 1-4.

2003. Chief co-editor, Geological Society of London, Special Publication No. 206. (Precambrian East Gondwana: Supercontinent Assembly and Break-up), 480 pages.

2003, Chief guest co-editor, Assembly and Break-up of Rodinia and Gondwana, Gondwana Research Special Issue, Vol. 6, No. 2 (137-270).

2003.10 Co-editor, Proterozoic Events in Peninsular India: Proceedings from Session 9-7, 31st IGC., Sp. Issue, J. Asian Earth Sciences, 22. 79-207.

2005, Co-editor, Natural Disaster Mitigation and Issues on Technology Transfer in South and Southeast Asia, Proceedings of the JICA Regional Seminar, Sp. Pub. 2, Department of Geology, Trichandra Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 197 pages.

2005, Co-editor, Guidebook for Himalayan Trekkers, Ser. 1, Geology and Natural Hazards along the Kaligandaki Valley, Nepal. Sp. Pub. 2, Department of Geology, Trichandra Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 165 pages.

2012, Editor, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - Record of Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2012. Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto,

2012. Editor, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen- A Record of the First Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2012. GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 25, 152 pages. Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto.

2013. Editor, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen 2013 - A Record of the Second Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2013 (in Japanese). GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 26, (E-book) 106 pages, Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto.

2014. Editor, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen 2014 - A Record of the Third Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2014 (In Japanese). GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 27, (E-book) 201 pages, Field Science Publishers, Hashimoto.

2014. Chief co-editor, Geotours, Geoparks and Geo-Olympic - Enjoy Geoscience Study! (E-book, in Japanese), 251 pages. Geological Society of Japan, Tokyo.

2015. Editor, Traversing the Himalayan Orogen - A Record of the Fourth Student Himalayan Exercise Tour in March 2015 (in Japanese with English abstracts, Electronic book) . GRG/GIGE Miscl. Pub., 30, Field Science Pub., Hashimoto, 191 pages.

Membership of the Academic Societies

1962- present: Member of the Geological Society of Japan, Member of the Japanese Assoc. Min. Petrol. Econ. Geol., and Member of the Japanese Geologists for Collaborative Research

1972-2003, 2010 -Present: Member, The Hokkaido Nature Conservation Society

1973-1998: Member of the Japan Committee of Antarctic Geology

1989-present: Permanent Member, Geological Society of Sri Lanka

1990-present: Permanent Member, Geological Society of India

1991-2001: Member of the Committee, International Joint Research Program, Japan Academy of Science

1992-2013: Member and the President, Gondwana Research Group

1995-present: Member and President (1995-2001) and Emeritus President (2001-), International Association for Gondwana Research

2004-present: Permanent Member, Geological Society of Nepal

Activities other than geosciences

Masaru Yoshida likes many kinds of sports especially of skiing and mountaineering, table tennis, badminton, and tennis. Traveling abroad, cards, igo, etc are also familiar with him. There are several tens of formal and informal notes and reports (all are in Japanese) related with these activities, some of which are given below.

Yoshida, M., 1963, Climbing routes and their grading of Akaiwa, Hokkaido, centered on East Great Wall. Report of Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido, AACH, Sapporo, No. 9, 121-137.

Yoshida, M., 1963, Theory of skiing: a Critical perspective. Report of Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido, AACH, Sapporo, No. 9, 168-173.

Yoshida, M., 1974, Traversing Patagonia Andes from east and west. In: Patagonia Committee of Hokkaido Univ. (ed), The Country of Glaciers, Rocks and Woods--Record of Patagonia Research Teams. Hokkaido University Press, Sapporo, 85-104.

Yoshida, M., 1982. Staying in the Ellsworth Mountains Camp. (1) Kyokuchi (Polar News) 33, 24-29, (2), Kyokuchi, 35, 41-47.

Yoshida, M., 1996, Staying in Russia in March 1992. Newsletter of the Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido, 73, 8-14.

Yoshida, M., 1998, Assent to Breithorn and Monte Rosa 9 days in Zermat-. Newsletter of the Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido, 83, 11-14.

Yoshida, M., 2000, Two months ' Stay in Sao Paulo (1) PASPORT No. 125, 17-20, (2) PASPORT 126, 65-67.

Yoshida, M., Yoshida, M., 2005-2015, Two years Senior Volunteer in Nepal (1)-(21) (in Japanese) PASPORT (a journal of Tokyo overseas traveling association), Nos. 154-216.

Yoshida, M., 2012, Best tours in Life. PASPORT No.200(2012.9), 100-103

Yoshida, M., Watanabe, O., 2012, Role of student mountaineering clubs in the development of geological sciences - An example of the Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido. In Kato, H., Inomata, M., Suzuki, Y. (eds), Visual Images and Geological Concepts, Proceedings of INHIGEO 2011, Japan, 179-185.

Roots

Masaru Yoshida is the 10th generation of the Yoshidas, which originated from Obama City, Fukui Prefecture, Japan. The first generation is Chuzaemon Yoshida (-1729) who was the Samurai of the Obama-han. This man is sometimes said to be the person who joined the

AKAHO-SHIJU SHICHI-SHI of CHUSHIN-GURA (Seventy Nine Samurais); but this is very suspicious. Sixth Johmyo Yoshida (1822-1904) was a director of Ohmi Province in Shiga Prefecture, and seventh Jotoku Yoshida (1855-1927) was a mayor of Unpin-mura, the precursor of Obama City.