Preface

This volume of *Senri Ethnological Studies* contains the proceedings of the Third Annual Taniguchi Symposium for the promotion of anthropology, held at the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, and at Kyuzeso, Otsu, Shiga Prefecture, 11–18 June, 1979.

We express our gratitude to the Taniguchi Foundation, and to its Executive Director, Mr. Toyosaburo Taniguchi, for the financial support which made the symposium possible.

The organizing committee consisted of Dr. Tadao Umesao, Director-General of the National Museum of Ethnology, Professors Takao Sofue, Komei Sasaki, Mikiharu Itoh, Kyuzo Kato, and Mr. Makoto Kimura, Chief Administrative Officer of the Museum. The planning committee comprised Professors Shuzo Koyama, Yoshinobu Kotani, Yasuyuki Kurita, Toshio Matsuyama, and Mr. Shigenobu Nagano, Administrative Officer of the Museum, together with Miss Eiko Yuasa, Director, and Mr. Hidejiro Uji, Chief of the Operations Division, respectively, of the Senri Office of the Japan Ethnological Foundation.

Two additional scholars contributed actively to the discussions during the symposium, but did not present papers: Professors Matsuo Tsukada of the University of Washington, and Shigeharu Sugita of the National Museum of Ethnology.

We also wish to thank the many people who, in so many unseen but important ways, contributed to the success of the symposium. In particular, we are grateful to Ms. Margot Dembo for her efforts in the final proofreading of all manuscripts.

Among ourselves the symposium has come to be known as the “Acorn Symposium”, because the basic idea for it was conceived by our former professor, Martin A. Baumhoff, who also played an important role in this event.

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