

Preface

The origins of this volume lie in a symposium titled, ‘Comparative studies of hunter-gatherers in Asia: from nomadic to sedentary lifestyles for long-term periods’, held at the Twelfth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS XII) in Universiti Sains, Penang, Malaysia on 25 and 26 July 2018. The symposium was organised by Kazunobu Ikeya, National Museum of Ethnology in Japan, and Sakkarin Na Nan, Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna Nan in Thailand. Most of the people whose work is featured here presented papers at this symposium (Kazunobu Ikeya, Yoshihiro Nishiaki, Takuya Yamaoka, Oleg Kardash, Ekaterina Girchenko, Rintaro Ono, Pei-Lin Yu, Yujie Peng, and Atsushi Nobayashi). Hideyuki Onishi’s papers were drawn from a presentation made at another symposium held in Kyoto, the WAC Meeting, in 2016. Adi Prasetijo’s paper was written specifically for this volume. All the papers were rewritten and updated to ensure the timeliness of the information presented on hunter-gatherers in Asia.

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We hope that these papers will aid in the formulation of forward-looking policies concerning hunter-gatherers in Asia, as well as foster their future development and improve their welfare. We express our heartfelt thanks to the hunter-gatherers who cooperated with us in this effort, for their generosity, patience, and valuable inputs.

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