

Report from Kobe Peace Institute

Director of Kobe Peace Institute, Koji Soma, has always believed that there is "the mission for those who remain here on earth" ever since he experienced the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake in January 1995. And, he has come to believe it is his given mission to prove how God of the Bible has influenced Japan from the ancient times, through witnessing that many Japanese people tend to have some feelings of fear whenever they hear such words as the Bible, God, and Jesus.

To date, he has been able to publish the following books thanks to supports from many people across the religious beliefs in and outside Japan.

1. Japanese Cultural Roots come from the Bible
2. Ancient Gods of Japan spring from the God of Israel
3. The Four Main Ancient Civilization spring from the God of the Bible
4. The Trace of Jews in Ancient Japan
5. Editorial supervision – Footsteps of the Lost Ten Tribes, Japanese version , by Dr. Prof. Avigdor Shachan

Particularly to our delight, the book "The Four Main Ancient Civilization spring from the God of the Bible" has been added to the collections of the Library of Congress of Israel (located in the nuclear shelter 100m underground) and libraries of all the national universities in Israel, by recommendation from Professor Schachan of Ariel University of Israel in March 2012. At that time, Professor Shachan advised that the related dissertation be pulled together and the English version of the book be published as well. In November 2013, "The Traces of Jews in Ancient Japan" was published and the author paid visits to the following.

- Mr. Nissim Ben Shitrit, Administrative Vice-Minister of the Foreign Ministry of Israel (former Israel Ambassador to Japan)
- Professor Ben-Ami Shillony of National University of Hebrew