

What's about Nara prefecture

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Shogo Arai

Governor of Nara Prefecture

The Birth Place of the Emperor System

The first Emperor JINMU inaugurated about 2600 years ago in Nara.

The first 50 Emperors among 125 Emperors all resided in the Nara Region.



The Birth Place of the Nation

The capital was built in Nara in 710.



The State Council Hall
(now rebuilt at the original site)

Buddhism first arrived at Nara, in the year 538.

Ever since then, the ideas and manners of Buddhism have been a vital existence for us. Nowadays, we Japanese almost forget the fact that Buddhism was arrived religion.

Many cultural & valued materials from far central Asia exist in Nara.



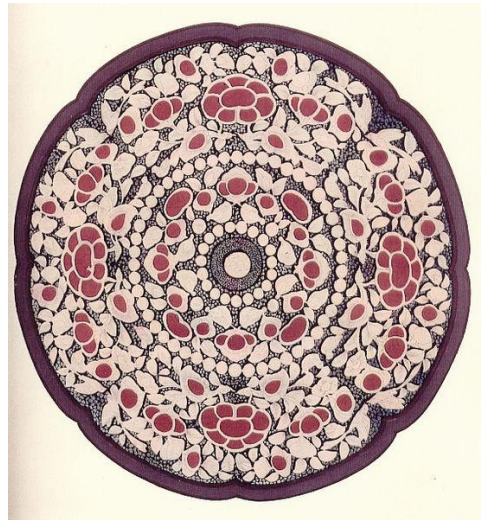
A cup of lapis lazuli

From Iran



Lapis lazuli

From Afghanistan



From China



From India



A gilt bronze crown

From Tillya Tepe,
Afghanistan(replica)

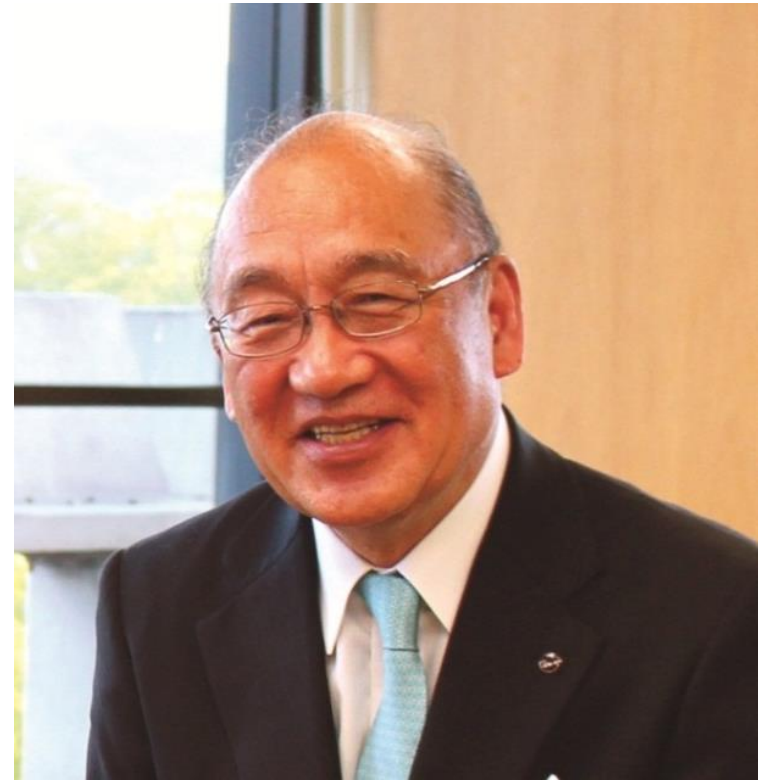
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