

## **Report of the internship at the University Museum, The University of Tokyo**

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For the first time during the long-term Russian-Japanese archeological cooperation, it was possible to organize a long-term scientific and research trip to the University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan).

During the internship, from September 2010 to March 2011, Lipnina Ekaterina Anatolievna, an assistant professor of the Department of Archeology, Ethnology and History of Antiquity, was given an opportunity to get familiar and work with the collections of the archeological material from the Museum Fund of the University of Tokyo. An array of the published data was collected, systemized and analyzed according to the general characteristics and the regional diversity of the Paleolithic cultures of Eurasia; the texts of joint articles on the issues of Eurasian Paleolithic images of women were prepared evidenced from a group of indoor sculptures – a sculpture in the round from an archeological site in Malta (statigraphy, planigraphy, chronology, problems of interpretation) (in English and Russian); the problems of statigraphy, chronology and periodization of the Maltese Upper Paleolithic culture using radiocarbon data dating (in Russian).

The participant got familiar with the field and camera methods of archeological work of Japanese specialists, took an intensive course in the language and local culture, and familiarized herself with the cultural traditions of the Japanese people.

The collected material serves as a basis for an author's monographic composition and for the defense of the topical thesis work in candidacy for the Doctor of Sciences degree. We are thankful to our colleagues from the University of Tokyo for the invitation and warm welcome, and our colleagues from the University of Keio and the University of Hokkaido for the provided support and effective cooperation within the framework of the joint project.