The Project for Premodern Japan Studies in the History Department of the University of Southern California announces this summer’s Kambun Workshop, which will focus on the mid-Heian-period courtier journal, Shôyûki, by Fujiwara Sanesuke (957-1046). Sanesuke’s journal covers 982 to 1032 and is one of the most important sources of the time. Professor Hideo Yamaguchi, a specialist in classical sources at the University of Tokyo’s Historiographical Institute (Shiryô Hensanjo), will lead the workshop with Professor Joan Piggott of the USC History Department. The primary language of the workshop is Japanese, but translation and annotation in English is also emphasized. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held Monday through Friday from July 14 to August 8 (10 AM - 5 PM). Applicants must be fluent in Japanese and have completed coursework in Classical Japanese and either Kambun or Classical Chinese.

The cost of the workshop, including lodging, is $5100 ($3500 tuition, $1600 lodging). Thanks to the Henry Luce Foundation and the Japan Foundation, some scholarship help is available. Applications, due March 15, can be downloaded from the website of the Project for Premodern Japan Studies, at http://dornsife.usc.edu/ppjs.

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