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 a selection of sources taken from the Tôji H yakugô M onjo, an archive recently designated as an important one for global history by UNESCO. The collection, which includes tens of thousands of records dating from 763 through 1711, is being digitized by the Kyoto Prefectural Library and Archives, and we will benefit from its resources during the workshop. Themes for study will include the temple’s monks and their rituals, temple estates, relics, and prayers. Professor Toshiko Takahashi, a specialist on Tôji materials and the temple’s history from the faculty of the University of Tokyo’s Historiographical Institute (Shiryô H ensanjo), will lead the workshop with Professor Joan Piggott of the USC History Department. The primary language of the workshop is Japanese, but translation into and annotation in English will also be emphasized. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held Monday through Friday (10 AM – 5 PM). Applicants must be fluent in Japanese and must have completed coursework in Classical Japanese and either Kambun or Classical Chinese.

The cost of the workshop, including lodging, is $5300 ($3500 tuition, $1800 lodging). Thanks to the Henry Luce Foundation, some scholarship aid is available. Applications, due March 1, can be downloaded from the website of the Project for Premodern Japan Studies, at http://dornsife.usc.edu/ppjs.

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