The History Department of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles announces the first of its series of summer workshops on reading kambun for graduate students and faculty. Professor Tomoyasu Katô of the University of Tokyo Historiographical Institute will lead the 2004 workshop on Heian historical materials. The main language of the workshop will be Japanese. Sessions will be held Monday through Friday from July 12 to August 6. Participants will be housed in apartments adjacent to the USC campus.

Cost of the program—fee and lodging including only the noon meal—will be about $2700. Some fellowship aid will be available, but applicants should first request aid from their home universities. Workshop participants will need fluency in spoken Japanese, general knowledge of classical Japanese, and should have completed a basic course in kambun or classical Chinese. See the link on the USC History Department webpage (www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/history/) for an application form. For further information contact Professor Joan Piggott, History Department, Social Sciences Building, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0034; telephone 213-821-5872; email <joanrp@usc.edu>. 