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Preface

The present volume comprises papers by the researchers who participated in the Third International Seminar of Young Tibetologists (ISYT) held at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies from September 3rd to 7th, 2012.

It was a great pleasure that the ISYT, an academic gathering of young Tibetologists all over the world, which started in London in 2007, followed by the second in Paris in 2009, was held for the first time in Japan.

The third seminar turned out to be a very successful one with increasing number of participants (nearly one hundred participants with 73 presentations) representing seventeen countries, thanks to the careful preparations by the organizing committee, headed by Kazushi Iwao together with Seiji Kumagai, Ai Nishida, and Meishi Yamamoto. The staff of Kobe City University of Foreign Studies provided all kinds of necessary help.

The presentations covered various genres and disciplines, including Buddhism, the Bon religion, history, linguistics, architecture, music, and anthropology. It was a great surprise and pleasure to witness that the researchers of the young generation exchanged presentations, discussions and conversations vividly and fluently both in English and Tibetan.

Although many of the presentations were of high quality, due to the limit of space we were unable to include all of them. We have finally received contributions from thirty of the participants, which are arranged in the alphabetical order of the author name.

The editors are fully aware that all of the research results presented at the Seminar have not been incorporated into the present volume, which is not sufficient to cover this vast field of research. Nevertheless, we hope this publication will serve to promote and accelerate future research on Tibetan Studies.

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