

**Prof. Masataka Okamoto speaking on:
“The Hidden Diversity of the Japanese People”**

“I would like to reveal to the audience how the contemporary national consciousness in Japanese was rooted in a suppression of the awareness of the internal diversity of Japanese society that once existed. The Yamato people became merely the dominant ethnic group in recent times. There are still distinct traces of the others like the Izumo (my particular interest), who became, in effect, ethnic minorities whose existence has been suppressed in contemporary Japanese consciousness.”

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