

## 【口絵】

国指定史跡「熊山遺跡」。岡山県赤磐市の熊山一帯の山塊には30箇所以上の石積遺構が確認され、そのなかでも最大のもの。岩盤上に一辺12m弱の石積方形基壇を設け、その上に三段の石積を築く。二段目の四方には龕を、三段目の頂部には竪穴を設ける。竪穴からは陶製筒形容器(天理参考館)と失われたが奈良三彩小壺が納められていた。古代の仏塔の一種と考えられている。

## **Cover picture**

The Kumayama site (national historic site). The structure pictured is the largest of the more than 30 stacked-stone examples found across the Kumayama massif in Akaiwa city, Okayama prefecture. A square stone platform measuring almost 12 meters to a side was built atop the bedrock, followed by three tiers of stacked stone. There are openings on each side of the second tier and a pit on top of the third tier. The pit contained a ceramic cylindrical vessel (Tenri University Sankokan Museum) and a small, tri-colored glazed jar, which has been lost. These stone structures are considered to be a type of ancient stupa.