

## PREFACE

This volume of the Occasional Papers of the Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific is the record of a symposium entitled "Papua New Guinean Life and Nutrition". I organized this symposium and it was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Shin-ichi TERASHI (Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific) on the Kagoshima University campus on February 23, 1983. It centered upon the three reports shown in the table of Contents.

One of the reasons for holding the symposium under the foregoing title was that the Research Center was planning to organize a scientific expedition to Papua New Guinea and that this symposium would provide the planners and would-be participants of the project with useful knowledge for their surveys. Two eminent researchers who have rich experience in conducting scientific field surveys in Papua New Guinea were able to participate as invited reporters and extremely helpful in filling out my introductory review of the literature. Fortunately, the expedition project of the Research Center was successfully actualized in November, 1983.

This volume has been completed on the basis of a tape recording of the symposium. The symposium was considered a success since it brought about vigorous discussions and evoked much interest in the Papua New Guinean life systems among the participants.

Finally, I heartily wish to express my gratitude to the chairman, the invited scientists, Prof. Hideo KOISHI and Dr. Ryutaro OHTSUKA, and all the other participants for their excellent reports and academically admirable discussions encouraged by the chairman.

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