In 1985, the Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan conducted a preliminary archaeological survey at Kaman-Kalehöyük in the Central Anatolia in the Republic of Turkey. Since 1986, the archaeological excavation survey has been carried out every year from then. In 2003, the Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology (JIAA) was established in Çığırkan village in Kaman. In 2005, new buildings for research were built and in 2010, Kaman-Kalehöyük Archaeological Museum was built next to the research institute.

Since 2009, in addition to the surveys at Kaman-Kalehöyük, JIAA has conducted excavation surveys at Yassıhöyük and Büklükale. All the artifacts excavated from these sites are housed and/or exhibited at the Kaman-Kalehöyük Archaeological Museum.

The Anatolian Archaeological Studies (AAS), which was published for the first time in 1990, has been the platform to present reports and studies on excavation surveys at Kaman-Kalehöyük. From this volume, those on Yassıhöyük, Büklükale and Central Anatolia will also be presented. We would like to take this renewal of the contents as an opportunity to renew the design of the AAS. Your further, continuous support will be greatly appreciated.

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