



## EXCAVATION 2010

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### **Aims**

In the season of 2010 the following goals were set up: the Halaf and 'Obed periods within the more than five meter strong prehistoric levels of settlement were to be investigated. Especially on the northern slope, von Oppenheim's former sounding offers an opportunity to uncover late Neolithic and Chalcolithic settlement structures.

The continuation of the work at the «West-Palast», on the «Lehmziegelmassiv» and at the «Nordost-Palast» give reason to expect, that it will be possible to follow an uninterrupted evolution of settlement from the Early Iron Age to the Hellenistic period. Thus, for the first time, it will be possible to establish an adequate typology for the development of wares and shapes of the pottery from the Early Iron Age to the Neo-Assyrian period in this region, which is required for a more precise dating of the material. The excavations at the «West-Palast» and the «Nordost-Palast» promise new insights to the building histories of both buildings. Thus, they contribute to verifying the present picture of the development of the architecture.

### **Special Studies**

We would like to thank the team of the Tokyo University of Science, led by Prof. Dr. Izumi Nakai and Dr. James Lankton, who determined the material of selected objects of frit, fayence, glass and glazed pottery from Tell Halaf in the course of their research.

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**Local Workforce**

80 workers from Tell Halaf

**Guests**

Again, we were happy to welcome many guests to our dig and to explain the newest results to them.

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