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Stratigraphy of the Kenmarubi lavas and associated deposits in the north slope of Fuji Volcacno, Japan

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Reevaluation of stratigraphy was made on the eruptive deposits including the Kenmarubi-1 and -2 lavas, which can be correlated with historical records of eruption in the 10-11th Century.

We confirmed the relationship that the Kenmarubi-2 lava overlies the Kenmarubi-1 lava. We identified source eruptive fissures of the two lava flows. We also found a scoria fall deposit, the Shakunagebashi scoria, which erupted simultaneously with the effusion of the Kenmarubi-1 lava and have total volume of 0.0048km3 (DRE). A carbonized tree, which was collected from the Shakunagebashi scoria, shows a 14C age of 1,000+-60 cal.yBP (895-1185 cal.AD).

The Shakunagebashi scoria is overlaid by the spatter from the Ushigakubo crater. While Tsuya (1968) regarded this crater to be the source of the Kenmarubi-2 lava, we found evidence that the Kenmarubi-2 lava effused not from this crater but from another eruptive fissure, which is located about 1.5-2km to the north of the Ushibakubo crater.

We also found a flow deposit, of which lithographic features are similar to those of pyroclastic flows. This deposit is distributed only around the Kenmarubi-1 lava and covers a limited area. Carbonized trees from this deposit show 14C ages of 930+-60 cal.yBP(1000-1240 cal.AD) and 1030+-40 cal.yBP (980-1040 cal.AD).