



Settlement site attesting to the beginning of functional differentiation within settlements such as distinction between the residential area and the burial area



Settlement site attesting to the typical settlement structure of this period, such as the residential area, burial area, storage facilities, and dumping grounds



Large hub settlement site comprising various facilities, attesting to the outstanding development of ritual place



Hub settlement site with developed ritual place such as artificial earthen mounds in an environment blessed with forest resources such as abundant nuts



Settlement site attesting to the inception of sedentism with the use of pottery



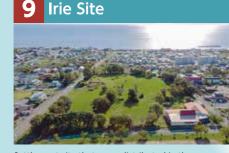
and a great amount of shell, fish bone, and marine animal bone have been unearthed



Settlement site attesting to environmental changes, as recorded in the composition of saltwater shellfish and brackish shellfish in the shell mounds



Hub settlement site with outstandingly developed ritual place such as large artificial earthen mounds



Settlement site that were distributed in the surrounding area of the ritual center and cemetery

# 17 component parts contribute to the Outstanding Universal Value of the nominated property



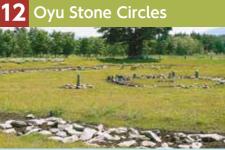




### 10 Komakino Stone Circle



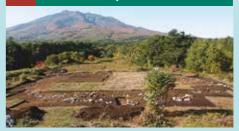
Ritual site with a stone circle characterized by complex arrangement of stones



Typical ritual site comprising two regularly-structured stone circles that were jointly built by several

settlements over a wide range

## 4 Omori Katsuyama Stone Circle



Large stone circle attesting to the transformation of spiritual culture, as is evident in the separation of the burial area



Large cemetery site where artistic clay figurines and varied burial goods have been unearthed

# 11 Isedotai Stone Circles

and a large number of ritual tools have been unearthed



Distinctive cemetery site where circular graves surrounded by tall embankments are concentrated

## **15** Takasago Burial Site



Cemetery site blessed with aquatic resources such as shellfish, fish, and marine mammals



Settlement site accompanied by diverse facilities such as pit dwelling, pit grave, watering place, and dumping ground