À propos du culte du roi Khéops

Yoshimura said in an interview with AFP he now believes Cheops was worshipped «continually» throughout the pharaonic era, over a period of around 3,000 years.

In addition to the Sekhmet statues, around a dozen other «beautiful objects» were found in the storage chamber, including a bluish mud statue of a figure covering its ears with its hands, the project director said.

Yoshimura is also involved in a stalled project to extract DNA samples from the mummy of boy king Tutankhamun with the aim of determining if he was the son of the so-called heretic, monotheistic pharaoh Akhenaton.

Egypt reversed a decision to allow the experiment to go ahead just six hours after the project got underway, without giving any explanation, Yoshimura said.