

smooth and shining.

Hairs pale yellow, erect or suberect, sparse on head and body, more abundant on leg and antenna. Color reddish brown; edges of mandible and anterior border of clypeus darker.

*Worker*: HW 0.48–0.51 mm, HL 0.51–0.53 mm, CI 91–98, SL 0.48–0.51 mm, WL 0.60–0.64 mm, TL 2.15–2.21 mm. (Five individuals were measured.)

Head, excluding mandibles, longer than broad; occipital border slightly concave, without distinct occipital collar. Eye about 0.09 mm in greatest diameter. Antennal scape, when directed above, extending about 1/4 of its length beyond head. Antennal club like that of soldier in proportion. Trunk, petiole and postpetiole like those of soldier, but more slender.

Head rugulose and reticulate. Except head, sculptures as in soldier. Color yellowish brown; mandible and gaster darker.

*Female*: HW 1.26 mm, HL 1.10 mm, CI 115, SL 0.66 mm, WL 1.78 mm, TL 6.10 mm. (One individual was measured.)

Head, excluding mandibles, broader than long, with slightly concaved posterior margin in full face view; median sulcus distinct, extending from posterior border of head to median ocellus, with feeble transverse impressions. Antennal scape short, not beyond posterior ocelli. Eye large, 0.29 mm in greatest diameter.

Trunk robust; mesonotum slightly narrower than head; scutellum thin, overhanging metanotum in lateral view. Propodeal spine robust and blunt, directed upward and backward. Petiolar node compressed anteroposteriorly; dorsal crest of the node with horizontal margin and acute corners as seen from behind. Postpetiolar node rounded in lateral view, about 1.5× as broad as petiole, trapezoidal with rather acute anterior corners as seen from above. Gaster truncate.

Mandible smooth and shining. Head costate in full face view, smooth and shining on ventral surface and posterior half of lateral surface. Pronotum costulate; mesepisternum with posterior half of upper subdivision costulate, and the rest smooth and shining; scutum with dorsal median surface substrigulate, and the rest smooth and shining; propodeum porcate in lateral view. First gastric tergite longitudinally substrigulate on basal surface, and the rest of gaster smooth and shining.

Hairs as in soldier, but more abundant especially on petiole, postpetiole and gaster. Color dark reddish brown.

*Holotype*: Soldier (Type No. 2254, Kyushu Univ.), 29. iv. 1979, Mt. Omotodake, Ishigaki Is., Ryukyus, K. OGATA (Colony No. MY-0087).

*Paratypes*: 21 soldiers, 15 workers, 1 female, same data as holotype (from the same nest as holotype); 10 soldiers, 5 workers, 1. v. 1979, Yonehara, Ishigaki Is., K. OGATA (MY-0089); 2 soldiers, 2 workers, 26. iii. 1975, Mt. Omotodake, Ishigaki Is., K. ONOYAMA.

*Distribution*. Japan (Ryukyus).

*Remarks*. Colony No. MY-0087 was found under the stone and MY-0089 under the rotten wood on the floor of moist forests. This species most resembles