

Financial System of Daijosai in Heian Period

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The purpose of this article is to clarify the finance system of the first fruits ceremonies (Daijosai), and the office to run Daijosai (Gyojisyo), mainly in Heian period.

According to Engi shiki, expenses of Daijosai is mainly procured from the national treasury. But there are a lot of finance systems based upon before the Taika Reform. In Daijosai, the provinces of the Yuki and Suki, chosen for providing rice used in ceremony, pay large expenses. It was related to the ritual of obedience of powerful local clan.

In Heian period, Gyojisyo established for managing preparation Daijosai. Gyojisyo is formed by competent personnels belong to different office, and simplify its business. This article clarify concrete image of official business of Gyojisyo. A financial resources of Gyojisyo is provided from Yuki and Suki. Moreover, Yuki and Suki serve banquets in Gyojisyo. Preparation system provincial governor directly attend changed to that serving mediate Gyojisyo, it is essentially turning of disposition of Daijosai.

An important specifications of Gyojisyo is collecting expenses for Daijosai from every provinces except for Yuki and Suki. With this historical background, Gyojisyo Meshimono, imposing expenses on provincial governor is established. In the end of the 10th century, Gyojisyo is established for national events except for Daijosai. But there are some different specifications from Daijosai. The purpose of establishing them is collecting expenses from provincial governor, as a new system of national finance.

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