
The Study of Engi Shiki Article Related Arable Land

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By comparing Arable Land of Yōrō Statutes and Related articles of Engi shiki prove the unique characteristics of Japan.

In Japan ancient state inherited statutes (*ritsu-ryō* 律令), regulations (*kyaku* 格) and ordinances (*shiki* 式) of Tang China, and made *ritsuryō*. In Japan Existing *ryō* is Yōrō Statutes (*Yōrōryō* 養老令). Japanese Nara period time, regulations and ordinances is a special law as opposed to general law of Tang China.

In Early Heian period, Japanese ancient state made regulations and ordinances as general law. Among them, Engi shiki completely abandoned and is easy to study. Therefore I compare Arable Land (*denryō* 田令) of Yōrō Statutes and Related articles of Engi shiki to prove the unique characteristics of Japanese ordinances.

The conclusion is as follows. First about Arable Land.

(1) Arable Land insufficient as a land system. Land was managed by used rice. (2) In seventh century renting rice was widespread and acted as a land management. (3) In seventh century large landholdings existed. From it the rice fields for the emperor are cut and it named as national land.

Second about articles of Engi shiki.

(1) It complete land management by Land parcels and drawings. (2) It emphasis on land surveys as a management system. In Jōgan regulations and ordinances It determine the area of arable land by ledger. (3) Rice lending is institutionalized and it become the center of local finance. Its epoch is around the middle of the eighth century. (4) Land and crop management separated by law. (5) It made by the office easy, it is to establish its own laws than Statutes.

Also, about the relationship between regulations and ordinances, I clarified The establishment of the system shall be enshrined in law regulations, Include only enforcement rules in the ordinances. “Kyaku make institutions when necessary, makes up for the rest” preface of *Kōnin kyaku shiki* (弘仁格式) indicate something like this.

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