Genealogy of Kuni-no-Miyakko in "Kokuzō Hongi"

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The "Kokuzō Hongi" contained in volume 10 of the "Sendai Kuji Hongi" is composed of a preface and a text. The text lists about 130 names of Kuni-no-Miyakko (provincial governor), and contains, for each of them, a report on when the governorship was established and the genealogy of the first Kuni-no-Miyakko in the province. In the present paper, the author examines the historiographical value of the genealogical part, and thereby studies the process of the establishment of the Kokuzō Hongi". It is generally accepted that the history of Kuni-no-Miyakko included in the "Kokuzō Hongi" is not a simple patchwork of genealogies of Kuni-no-Miyakko such as had appeared in earlier documents such as the "Kojiki" and "Nihon-Shoki", or a fiction fabricated by the editor of the "Sendai Kuji Hongi". In this paper, the author first examines the genealogies of Kuni-no-Miyakko in the "Kokuzō Hongi" by comparing them with those contained in the "Kojiki" and "Nihon-Shoki", and verifies the above assumption.

Then, the author investigates the content, style of writing, and so on, of the genealogies of the "Kokuzō Hongi", and tells that the genealogies were basically reports of those actually stated by each Kuni-no-Miyakko, and that genealogies were conceived as formed from the middle to the late 6th century. Finally, the author draws the conclusion that "Kokuzō Hongi" was prepared based on the genealogies which had been presented by each Kuni-no-Miyakko when granted the title; that "Kokuzō-ki" was compiled based on the data presented, and that the genealogies in the "Kokuzō Hongi" were written using the "Kokuzō-ki" as original data.