Tumulus Mounds of the Final Kofun Period Around Inbanuma Marsh

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This paper aims to clarify various aspects of tumulus mounds of the final period around Inbanuma marsh, in connection with the Danozuka Tumulus in Narutō Town. For this purpose, the author basically focuses upon the description of tumulus mounds of the final period around a marsh, Inbanuma.

As his conclusion, the author points out that there are many tumulus mounds of the final stage in this area which are square shaped.

He points out that the material used for burial facilities in some tumulus mounds was sand stone containing fossil shells. Corridor-style stone chambers which used this type of stone material in square tumulus mound had somethings in common; for example, the stone material was laid broadways, side walls were constructed with corbels, and the floor was partitioned. Tumulus mounds of the period around Inbanuma marsh had in common not only the square shape of the mounds, but also the Corridor-style stone chambers. It seems that there was some relationship between them, and they can be considered as one group. It may be conjectured that the area covered, broadly viewed, from the basin of the Tone River to the areas around Teganuma and Inbanuma marsh; and if viewed narrowly, part of the area around Inbanuma marsh.

In the Bōsō Peninsular as a whole, there are many square tumulus mounds of the final period. They can be divided into two groups, including the group around Inbanuma marsh, and one special area by the distinctive features of the stone chambers; The large square mounds among these tumulus mounds can be considered to have been the chiefs' tumulus mounds. Furthermore, it is supposed that the early ancient temples in Bōsō Peninsular might have been constructed by the chiefs those were buried in these tumulus mounds.