The Muromachi Period Togoku Shoen Koryo System and Goson Society

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This paper considers the special nature of the shoen koryo system in Togoku in the Muromachi period, with the investigations pivoting on the issue of the goson that formed the core of the regional society. In the Kazusa province of Togoku, the shoen koryo system was already reconfigured to some extent by the early Muromachi period. Due to this, it was the goson that succeeded the shoen's societal framework, and which became the base for defining the regional society thereafter. This paper examines the special characteristics of the goson from territorial and human perspectives, making clear the form in society taken by the samurai classes that were the prime leaders of the goson, and their functions and roles. Based on those findings, it also describes the special nature of the regional power and daimyo power that was intermediated by the samurai.