Study of Pottery from the Middle Stage of the Middle Jomon Period in Area of Chikuma River Basin

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This paper investigates production and distribution of the pottery from Northern Kanto region in the middle stage of the Middle Jomon Period using materials from Chikuma River Basin, Nagano Prefecture.

First, the Yakemachi-type pottery, which is the main type of pottery in Chikuma River Basin during the middle stage of the Middle Jomon Period, was classified into five phases based on pottery decoration. Next, the regional differences within the Chikuma River Basin in each of the phases were examined. Then, the trend was compared with the patterns in Northern Kanto region.

The result of the analysis suggests that there was a temporal and regional difference in the pottery style from Chikuma River Basin, and these differences were caused of by degree of influence and introduction of products from other regions such as Northern Kanto and Southern Chubu.

Yakemachi-type potteries were distributed in Gunma Prefecture, but those types had different features from the original type.