Reexamination of the Year of the Construction of Jobo of Fujiwara-kyo

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Fujiwara-kyo was the capital city that introduced the first Jobo system in Japan. Its construction process was complicated according to the description of "Nihon Shoki (The Chronicles of Japan)" and the recent excavation findings. This article analyzes when Jobo was constructed to create the foundation of the Jobo system.

Analysis of the result revealed that there is a range of 20 to 30 years in the construction of Jobo. There is no doubt that the earliest construction of Jobo indicates the start of the construction of Fujiwara-kyo. On the other hand, the late construction of Jobo would be the result of the renovation and the redevelopment of Fujiwara-kyo when the Taiho Code was enacted and promulgated.

The conventional studies of Fujiwara-kyo have been conducted on the premise of the existence of the Taiho Code, and this article suggests that the premise should be reexamined.

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