A Theory of Prince Furuhito no Oe

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The father of Prince Furuhito no Oe was the Emperor Jomei, and his mother was Soga no Hohote no Iratsume, daughter of Soga no Umako. This paper focuses on Prince Furuhito no Oe and his illustrious background, and verifies his historical position in the light of the now more clearly understood history of the royal throne in the 7th century.

The results show the following points:

1. It is almost certain that Prince Furuhito no Oe owned miko no miya (temporary residences); examination of historical records of the rebellion by Prince Furuhito no Oe allowed us to assume that the Soga no Taguchi no Omi clan, and Yamato no Aya clan were ujibito (clan members), retainers belonging to the miko no miya of Prince Furuhito no Oe, and confirmed the toneri (footmen), who were the core members of the miko no miya of Prince Furuhito no Oe.

2. Focusing on the fact that Prince Furuhito no Oe was also called Prince Furuhito no Ochi, further examination was conducted; as a result, it can be considered that Prince Furuhito no Oe had a connection with Ochi Village in Shiki no Kami no Kori County, Yamato Province, and in the area the miko no miya of Prince Furuhito no Oe, or an important production base supporting the homestead system of the miko no miya existed. Moreover, he had strong links with the Ochi clan, a Chinese and Korean clan who used Ochi Village as their base, and it can be thought that the Ochi clan were supported by Prince Furuhito no Oe.

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