Pit-type stone chambers and pit-type stone chambers with a side entrance developed in the southwestern part of the Korean Peninsula between the 5th and 6th centuries. These were burial facilities of a foreign lineage that were different from traditional wooden coffins and burial urns. An examination of the background of their acceptance and development will lead to the clarification, from a microscopic perspective, of the external negotiation activities of regional groups scattered in the Yeongsan river basin or its vicinity at that time. To this end, as part of the primary organization, the structure and genealogy of each case was examined through comparison with cases in Japan and Korea.

As a result, concerning the pit-type stone chambers scattered in the southwestern coastal areas during the first half of the 5th century, it was possible to seek a direct lineage with the pit-type stone chambers of the northern Kyushu region of the Japanese archipelago. It was inferred that there was a high likelihood that the dominant Wa lineage groups who had come to this place had built them. On the contrary, with regard to the pit-type stone chambers with a side entrance, scattered in the Yeongsan river basin, it is difficult to find a genealogical relation limited to a specific region. Instead, it can be inferred that they incorporated various techniques of construction of the stone chambers in the Lingnan region, the Midwest region, and the northern Kyushu region. Thus, a unique tomb system was established by selectively incorporating these chambers in each area. Pit-type stone chambers with a side entrance were developed in the Yeongsan river basin even in the late 5th and early 6th centuries. Tombs that adopted these include the Zenpo-Koen-Fun or large keyhole-shaped tombs and the Takatsuka Kofun tombs of the local system, indicating that the local community was actively establishing the corridor-type burial facilities (and the funeral rituals that accompanied them).

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