

Restrictions of form on producing Yayoi-Pottery :In case of Late Yayoi Period in Boso-Peninsula

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Inter-regional differences of Yayoi-Pottery has been studied by examining the character of form of potteries and dividing the region from another. In this paper, I tried to examine characteristics of region in view of restrictions of form on producing Yayoi-pottery. Partly because, I purpose to know how, what we call, "type" is formed.

For instance, I picked up pot-shape pottery in the late Yayoi-period from Boso-peninsula and examined designs and shapes in viewpoint of technique. Collecting the potteries, it can be seen that they have some varieties of design, but each variation of design is drawn by same tools and techniques as another. Boso-peninsula is divided into three regions, Uchibo, Sotobo, Awa, and every region is geographically subdivided into some areas. Especially in Uchibo-region, divided into four or five areas, the same varieties of design of potteries can be found in every area. It, therefore, seems that potters in every area had been put same restriction on tools, techniques and motifs. In this way, the production of potteries in Boso-peninsula, especially in Uchibo-region, is considered to have been kept stable phase.

In Boso-peninsula, very few late Yayoi-potteries that had different tradition can be found, but a few instance of such potteries explain the characteristics of pottery production in this region. It seems that the potteries of different tradition could not keep their difference and assimilated into local tradition or disappeared. In other words, it can be said that local tradition which has stable phase is exclusive.

The stable phase of pottery in Boso-peninsula, it seems, could have been formed in relationships between settlements or areas since middle Yayoi-period, exploiting and keeping the rice fields. In this tradition, restrictions on producing Yayoi-potteries seems to be formed. As almost all settlements in Boso-peninsula opened outward in late Yayoi-

period, relationships could be formed easily. This is quite different from other part of Kanto district where existed many moated settlements.