

A study on the regional ruling system in the *Koguryo*  
dynasty through the *Kwangket'o-wang* Monument

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The *Kwangket'o-wang* monument was erected to immortalize his distinguished fame and it is widely known as a valuable inscription for the study of East Asian history in the 4th or 5th century.

This monument is important not only for the study of the relations between *Koguryo*, *Silla* and *Paikche* but also between *We* and these countries. Moreover, it is important for the study of the regional ruling system in the *Koguryo* dynasty and its political development. Though much has not been written on this subject in the past, the basic investigations into this monument have been carried on lately, and some new theses have been written on this subject in the past ten years.

In this paper, I would like to discuss the following four problems.

1. On the process of the war between *Kwangket'o-wang's Koguryo* and other countries, and the territories newly acquired by him.
2. On the new system to rule the castles formerly belonged to the races called *Han* and *Ie*.
3. On the government system in the *Koguryo* dynasty to reign the other races in the newly acquired territories.
4. On the government system to rule the people formerly belonged to the *Koguryo* dynasty.