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The *Fan-chên* System vs. the Prefectures
under Direct Control of Central Governments

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Since many *fan-chên* 藩鎮 were established under local governors during the T'ang dynasty, most prefectures in the empire came under the jurisdiction of one of these *fan-chên*. Each *fan-chên* controlled at least two or more prefectures, among which the most important one was designated as the seat of its government. This prefecture was called *Hui-fu* 會府 or *Ta-fu* 大府, and the office of prefect was held as an additional post by the local governor. The prefectures except for the *Hui-fu* were called *Chih-hün* 支郡 or *Hsün-shu* 巡屬, and their prefects were allowed to communicate with the central government only through the *fan-chên*. A few prefectures near the capital however, did not belong to any *fan-chên* but were under direct control of the central government.

Needless to say, the centralization of prefectures was incompatible with the *fan-chên* system. The number of prefectures under the direct control of the central government increased from the Later Chin 後晉 period and still more increased between Later Chou 後周 and early Sung 宋. There were now some *fan-chên* which controlled only one prefecture, the seat of their own governments. This kind of *fan-chên* was a *fan-chên* only by name. In reality it was a prefecture. Thus at the beginning of Sung the *fan-chên* system was destroyed through the centralization of prefectures.

Genkō 元寇 or the Mongol Invasions of Japan:
Especially on the course of the battles

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The theories which have been hitherto held concerning the Mongol invasions of Japan, especially that of Dr. Ikeuchi, now need considerable revision. There is no reliable evidence that the Mongol army invaded Matsuura 松浦 at the time of their first attack in 1274. A Korean army landed at the western part of Hakata 博多 Bay and advanced to Hakata and Hakozaki 箱崎. The withdrawal of the whole army was due to the great damage caused to the military force. With regard to the second attack in 1281, a greater part of Dr. Ikeuchi's theory must be corrected. The First Army (Eastern Army 東路軍) reached Hakata Bay in the beginning of June