

The Role of Sangjayidorji 桑齋多爾濟 under the Ch'ing 清 Strengthening the Rule over the Qalq-a Mongolia during the Middle Years of Ch'ien-lung 乾隆

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*Sangjayidorji*, one of the nobles of *Tüsiyetü qan ayimay*, played a very important role in the Ch'ing dynasty's policy of consolidating its rule over *Qalq-a* Mongolia in the years of *Ch'ien-lung* 乾隆, especially after the invasion of *Jegün yar* by *Ch'ing* forces. He supported the *Ch'ing* in the *Qalq-a Mongol* resistance, as well as in the rebellion of *Činggünjab* and in the *Qalq-a* movement for the Russian rule. Accordingly, *Sangjayidorji* was appointed to conduct negotiations with Russia, and oversee *Yeke Kūriy-e* 庫倫 of *Jebtsündamba qutuγtu*. This is the origin of *Kūriyen-ü amban* 庫倫辦事大臣. Because of *Sangjayidorji*'s support, *Ch'ing* rulers were able to realize and consolidate easily their dominance over the *Qalq-a*, especially over *Tüsiyetü qan ayimay*.

Some scholars claim that *Sangjayidorji* resisted the *Ch'ing*, but the author thinks not. Rather *Sangjayidorji* served the *Ch'ing* ruler's intention to rob the power which *Tüsiyetü qan* and *Čenggünjab* (lieutenant general of *Uliyasutai*) held over the *Qalq-a Mongols*.