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Discovery of the Seventh Text of Character Type Kwukyel from the "Repentance Dharma of Kindness & Compassion in the Bodhimanda"

Abstract:

Around the 6th century, several writing systems such as the Hyangchal, the Itwu and the Kwukyel arose in the Korean peninsula. This presentation introduces the seventh text written in Character Type Kwukyel from the "Repentance Dharma of Kindness & Compassion in the Bodhimanda", dated from the Kolye dynasty. This holy text is said to have been commissioned by Emperor Yang Mucey in the 6th century for his deceased wife. A brief history of this manuscript is provided for those readers unfamiliar with the Buddhist text. Consideration is given to two areas about Buddhism in Korea. The first area is the historical context surrounding the introduction of the Capitolyangchampep in Korea and the second area is the recent finding of an edition of the Capitolyangchampep in "Character Type Kwukyel with Interpretation", which was discovered in December 2015 in Kirim Temple, located in Kyengcu, and which has provided relevant information concerning the reading of this holy text in Early Middle Korean.

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