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Tôji Hyakugô Monjo Web
and Its Research Uses

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I will consider why the Tôji Hyakugô Monjo Database is the ideal medium for demonstrating the character of a great number of historical records from every part of the archipelago. I will also talk about how the database can be used for investigating various sorts of historical questions, such as how I myself am studying the self-consciousness of cultivators as expressed in their petitions to Tôji as their estate proprietor, wherein they emphasized their own rights. I have published essays on this subject in two recent publications: *Walking the Forest of Japanese History* and *Shôen Spaces Past and Present*.

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