Abstract

A Critical Study on the Management of Wonjum(圓點) Regulation in the Early Chosun

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This study is to identify the causes of failure of the regulation of Wonjum in the Early Chosun. The regulation of Wonjum means that of obligatory attendance at Sungkyunkwan(成均館) which is the supreme school at that time. It is very important to consider the process of the operation of the regulation, which can give us many suggestions about the conditions of students’ spontaneous attendance at schools. The conclusions of this study are as follows:

1. Because of poor conditions of dormitory and meals in Sungkyunkwan, most of students evaded attendances at Sungkyunkwan after all.

2. There were several civil exams that did not demand the scores of Sungkyunkwan attendance. So many students would not be present at Sungkyunkwan.

3. There were many exceptions in the regulation of Wonjum, which the students used for wrong purposes.

4. Thanks to the estimated problem collections for civil exams, students did not go to Sungkyunkwan.

5. Sungkyunkwan could not attract students’ attentions, because the graduation from it was not regarded as an academic career.

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