

Study of “Bunya Seizu (Chart of the constellations and the regions they govern)”

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We examined the Bunya Seizu 分野星圖 (1849) comparing with the Hoen Seizu 方円星圖(1826), which had written 23 years ago by Joken Ishizaka 石坂常堅 using his observations.

The Bunya Seizu is confirmed to be new chart modified from Tensyo Bunya no Zu 天象分野之圖 (1677) after corrected by perturbation, which is described in preface by the authors. As a result the description and explanations of the Bunya Seizu given by Toshio Watanabe (Kinsei Nihon Tenmongaku Shi (history of Modern Japanese Astronomy), p.839, 1987) are not true. And also several comments of the chart given by Tsuko Nakamura (2000) and Kazuhiko Miyazima (1999) are erroneous because their dependence of his articles.

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