Abstract
The construction and management of the imperial mausoleums, large in scale and rich in content, are the longest and most expensive projects under the Qin and Han Empires. The historical record says: “The revenue of the empire was divided into three parts, one for the ancestral temple, one for the accommodation of the guests, and one for the imperial mausoleum.”

Based on the latest archaeological survey, exploration, and excavation of Qin and Han mausoleums, we can try to develop a preliminary understanding of the important role of the construction and management of mausoleums in the imperial economy from a new perspective. On this basis we can further discuss the mutual impact and mutually restrictive effect between the imperial mausoleums and imperial economy.

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