

東南アジア華人の出身地と方言

Commerce Treaty in 1859. That was the beginning of Japan's trade with foreign countries. Overseas Chinese came to Japan as interpreters for Europeans and Americans who came to Japan to purchase silk. In 1870, the first two Chinese restaurants were established in Yokohama.

The occupations that overseas Chinese took were usually one of the "sanbadao" jobs. "Sanbadao" literally means using three swords. In a broad definition, this refers to cooks, barbers and tailors. Many Chinese started in these occupations to earn money, and then moved on to other jobs. However, Yokohama's Chinatown did not follow this pattern. Chinese here took various occupations such as traders, shop owners, cleaners, money changers, manufacturers and printers.

At the beginning of 1945, when the Pacific War was coming to an end, Yokohama's Chinatown was destroyed by repeated American bombing. After Japan's surrender, black markets appeared in the fire-devastated areas. China was one of the victorious nations, and it was easier for Chinese to get additional groceries than the Japanese.

Seeing hungry Japanese standing in line at rice porridge stalls, many overseas Chinese went into the restaurant business. This is one of the reasons why so many