

關於在 13 世紀後期～16 世紀的琉球和台灣之間的貿易預測考察  
**Conjectures about Trade Exchange between Ryūkyū and Taiwan**  
**from the Late Half of the 13th Century to the 16th Century**

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During a joint research project from 2005 to 2009 between the University of Kumamoto and the Fujian Provincial Museum it became clear that in the later half of the 13th century, crude white porcelain of Fujian origin was brought from kilns in Minjiang River basin to the islands of Okinawa.

This tendency became more obvious later and had a great impact on the Ryūkyūs, where it was particularly influential in the Yaeyama region, which is closest to Taiwan. Here, agriculture started in the 14th century, cattle appeared, and in the 15th century chiefs appeared in every part of the region. It became clear that large quantities of trade porcelain were consumed.

Many of these changes in Yaeyama were caused by the exchange with Fujian, but the more immediate relations with Taiwan, which seems to have served as a transit region for the trade, have to be investigated.

Based on these ideas, I will organize the comparative material with Taiwan and present the direction of research from now on as well as some problems.