

## **Chinese Emigrating to Malaya during Ancient Times**

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This paper analyzes the facts that Chinese emigrated to Malaya during ancient times. There are only some documents about this subject, which are mainly Chinese documents. The first evident record that Chinese had emigrated to Malaya was during final period of Southern Song. Until the Yuan dynasty, there had indisputable facts that Chinese had lived in Malaya. During the period of Malacca, there were not a few Chinese in the city of Malacca, and there had some Chinese Communities which had engaged in trade. It seems that the early Chinese in Malacca came from Zhangzhou area, and we can discover that it is mainly the activities of overseas trade that led to the phenomena of Chinese emigrated to Malaya during ancient times.