

A Study on “Qiaoxiang” and “Chinatown” in Japanese Works

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Considered in terms of the number of overseas Chinese, Japan may be a “small country” of residence. But in terms of the interest in overseas Chinese problems, Japan must be a “big country” in study. Since the 1930s, overseas Chinese has been a continuous study in Japan, where a great quantity of books, papers and research materials were published, in which the publications in Japanese are of the third importance in number, just fewer than Chinese and English publications on such a study. Besides, one characteristic and important part of the above studies are on Chinese “Qiaoxiang” (inhabited by returned overseas Chinese) and “Chinatown”, which are based on field work, with detailed data and spirit of the times. This paper introduces and evaluates some important Japanese publications on “Qiaoxiang” and “Chinatown” and representative scholars to promote academic exchanges at home and abroad and collections of overseas Chinese studies.