

A Study On the History of Chinese Dialect Group Immigration of Singapore: An analysis based on Minnan Qiaoxiang genealogies immigrants data

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By the statistics of more than 60 Minnan Qiaoxiang genealogies immigrants data, this paper discusses a few problems of Hokkiens immigration history in Singapore: 1. its upper limit question; 2. its division of historical Stages question; 3. its tendency question of Hokkien population concentration in Singapore. The research demonstrated that, 1st, Hokkiens from Minnan moved to Singapore in the modern history at least can be traced back to the Qing Kangxi and Qianlong period, that was about 1760s; 2nd, the immigration history can be divide into four stages, namely the small scale rise period, the steady ascent period , the climax period, as well as the ebb period. 3rd, from the 19th century 60's on, Hokkiens rapidly concentrated in Singapore. The immigrants number in the genealogies displays, before 1860, the number to Singapore occupied the total abroad genealogy number of 6%, hereafter to 1929, this proportion rised to 21%. This concentration tendency has not only directly affected the number and ethnic economy of Hokkiens , but in some sense affected the basic population proportion of the plural society of Singapore.