

Sun Wen and Fukuoka Area of Japan

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The 1911 revolution led by Sun Wen (Sun Yat Sen) had close ties with Japan. This has become an accepted fact. As is well-known, Sun Wen had lived in Japan for ten years, with Tokyo as the base of his revolutionary movement. That Fukuoka was an important auxiliary base for the revolution is, however not well known. This paper provides new information and insights into the relationship between Sun Wen and Fukuoka, namely:

1. That Sun Wen visited Fukuoka several times. In 1897, Sun Wei was introduced to 民平山周 of Fukuoka by the Miyazaki brothers. He was to visit Fukuoka again in 1900, 1912, 1913, and 1918. The last time he visited Fukuoka was November 1924.
2. The contributions of Fukuoka inhabitants to the Revolution. This can be categorized as their generous contributions before the revolution, sacrificing their lives during the revolution, and support to the Revolution after its failure.
3. Fukuoka's major intellectuals. Sun Wen had mentioned his contacts with many Japanese in his memoirs, and the assistance he obtained from them. This included the Miyazaki brothers, Amane Hirayama, Syokichi UmeyaShintaro INuzuka, Youichi Shimada, Mitsuru Toyama, Setsu Suenaga, Ryohei Uchida, Keiichiro Yasukawa.

The relationship between the Chinese in Fukuoka and Sun Wen remains a topic requiring further research.