

JAPANESE SILVER AND THE NAMBAN TRADE IN 16TH CENTURY JAPAN:

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Yamabuki Fort

- Town of Omori







水鋪水石

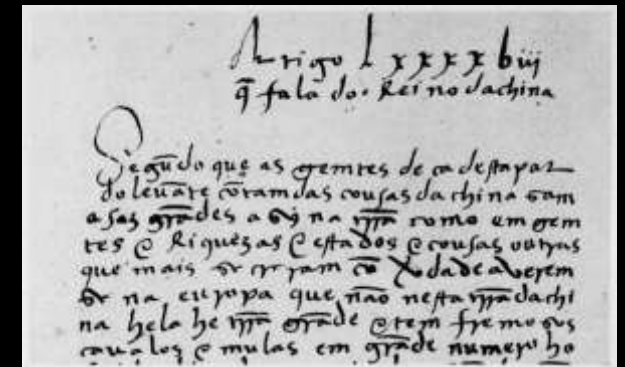
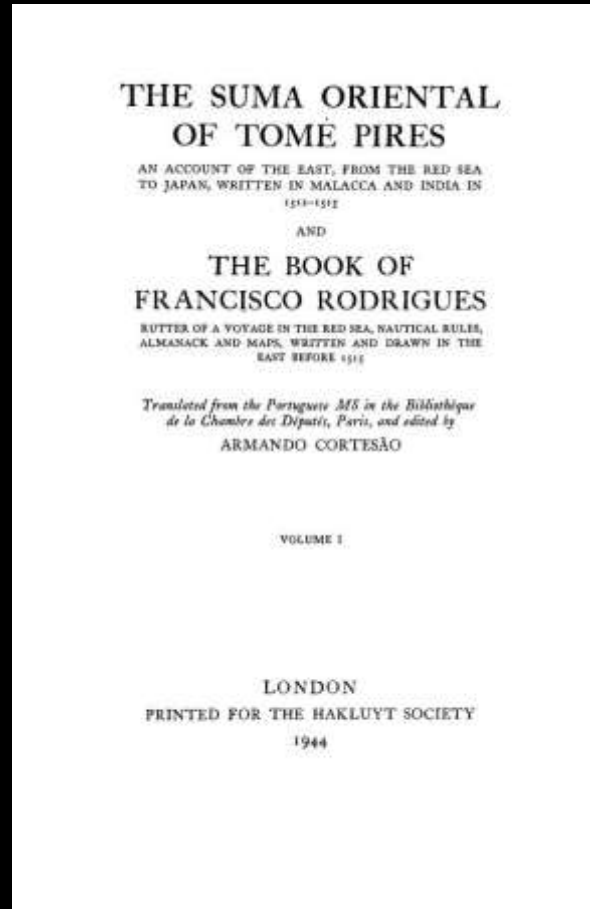
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新掘山石

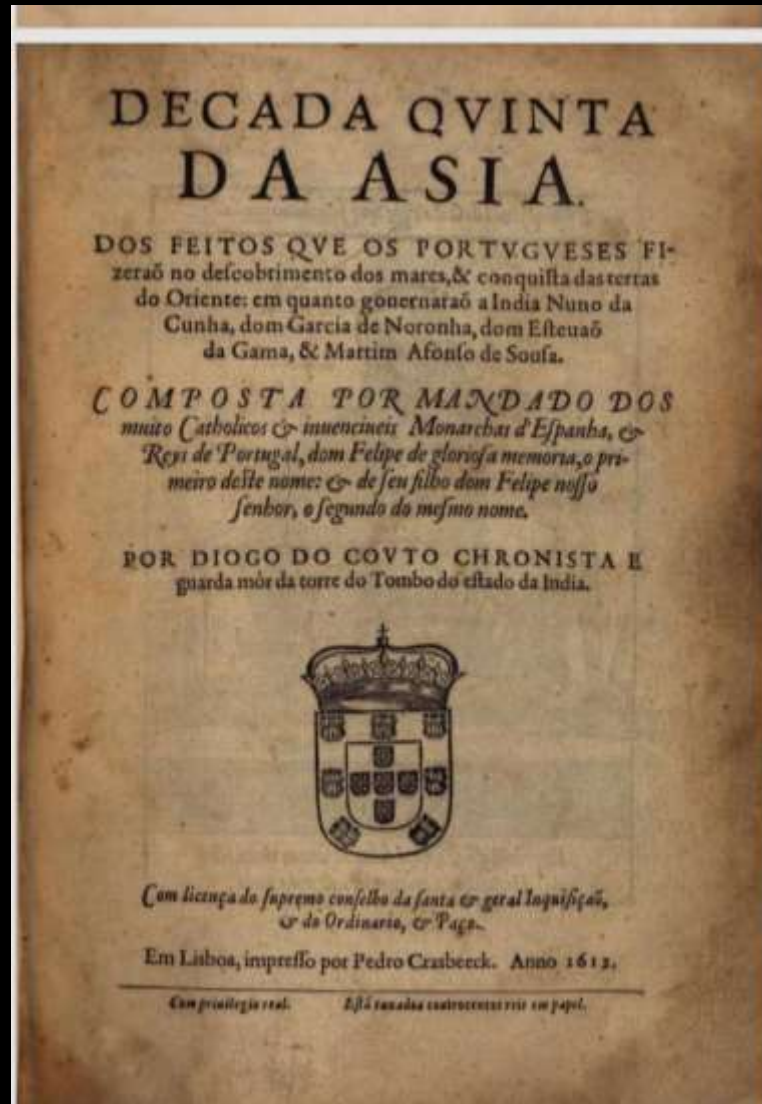
押木留之

斤立木留之

- Gold, copper, Japanese lacquer ware, folding fan, Japanese sword, arms, wheat etc.



Silver paid in 1542 at the first arrival of Portuguese to Japan





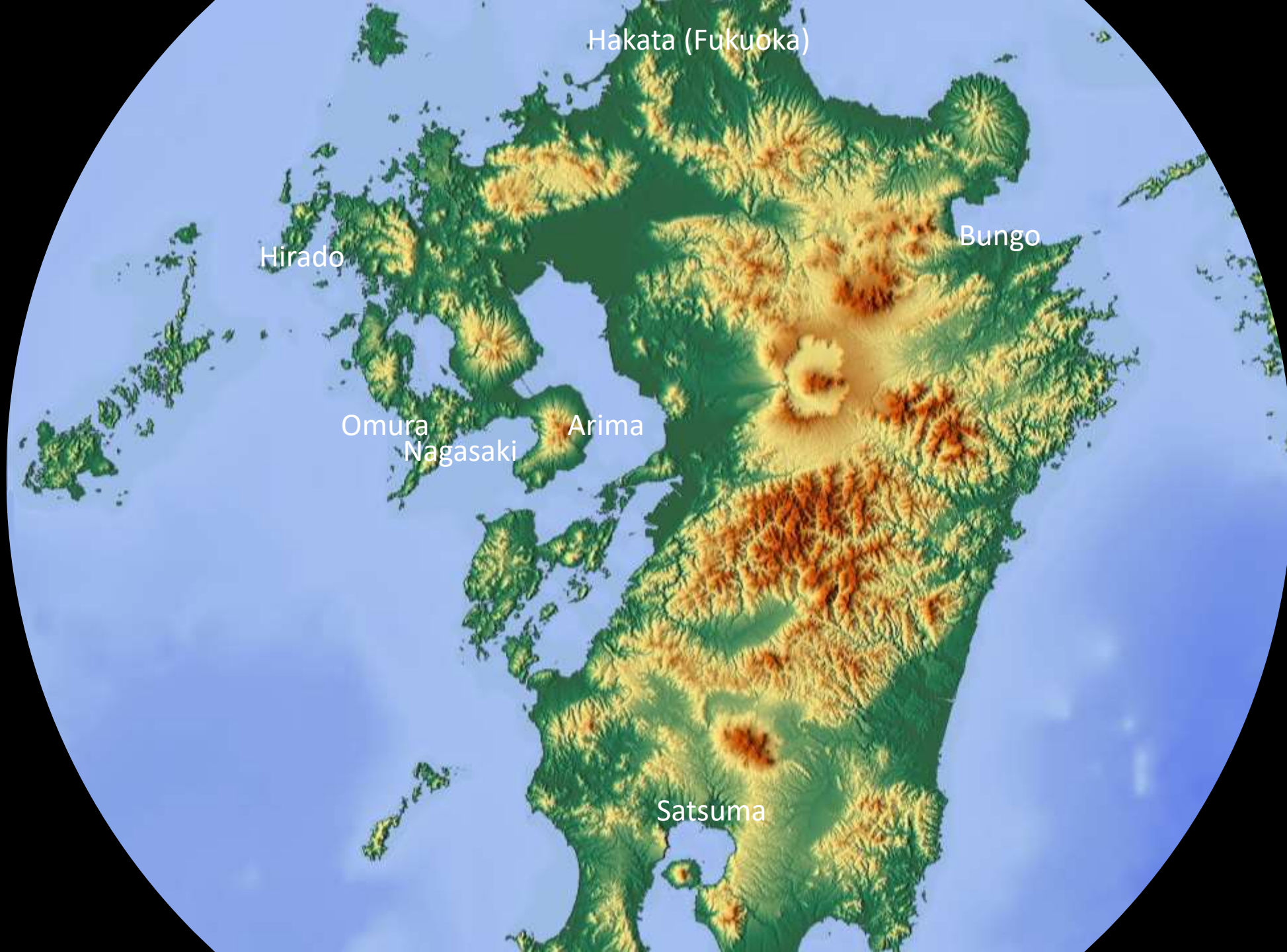
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Fontanelle piccole di pila n. 2	l	16
Lauore a burria dolene n. 1	l	16 16
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ladini bianchi di faenla n. 1	l	3
vn' altro mettano di faenla	l	15
Vn' tallone grande di faenla	l	15
Facili grandi di faenla n. 1	l	3
Bottoni grossi mane 4	l	13 8
Copette a filo bianche mane n. 1	l	3 7 5
Lauore turchino di arbiola dolene 17	l	11 2 8
Suspenderi mane 16	l	9 7
Fotti dorati mane	l	10
Boglioli di vedro per aqua benedetta n. 3	l	10
Doi vecchi	l	2
Vn' ladino bianco di Campa	l	16
Lauore bianco pelli c.	l	9 4
Vn' facile bianco di arbiola e vna di pagiamala	l	2
Vn' tiano di ramo in celo libre 3 on 6	l	1 1
Vna bilancia con' il lancareto	l	2
Boffaria mane c.	l	4 10
Doi trombeue conta rella piccole	l	3
Doi giarrette dai oliai di Spagna	l	2
8 Carelle mane 6	l	1 5
Scatole mane 19	l	11 3
Spago in pelo libra 1	l	4
Bottoncini mane 8	l	1 6
Diueri vedri	l	5 8
Canoni da lauelli n. 3	l	1 3
Lauore di vedro in pelo libre 1 on 6	l	1 14 8
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- 1555 ca. Jesuits started involving in the Portuguese trade in Japan .
 - 1579 The Macao authorities concluded a commenda like contract with the Jesuits that stated 50 picos of raw silk would be traded within the companhia/armação system.
- *1 pico =60 kg ca.

An example of commenda contract concluded in overseas trade in 16th century Genoa



Capitão-mór and Private Traders



Hakata (Fukuoka)

Hirado

Bungo

Omura

Nagasaki

Arima

Satsuma

TABLE 2.5 Price List of the Commodity in the Portuguese Intra-Asian Trade of the 16th Century

origin	commodity	quantity	price in Goa
China-Japan route			
China	raw silk	500~600picos	
China/Manila	twisted thread (fine)	400~500picos	
China/Manila	twisted thread average	included above	
China/Manila	dark thread	included above	
China/Manila	silk textile embroidered	1700~2100piece	
China	gold (average)	3000~4000taeis	
China	gold (fine)	included above	
China	musk (average)	2picos	
China	musk (fine)	included above	
China	white ceruse	500picos	
China/Manila	cotton thread	200~300picos	
China/Manila	black cotton textile	3000pieces	
China/Manila	black mixed cotton textile with silk	included above	
China/Manila	white cotton textile	included above	

TABLE 2.5 Price List of the Commodity in the Portuguese Intra-Asian Trade of the 16th Century (cont.)

origin	commodity	quantity	price in Goa
China/Manila	colored cotton textile	included above	
China	quicksilver	150~ 200picos/300picos	
Siam	lead	2000picos	
China	China root	500~600picos	
China	ceramic and porcelin (fine)	20000 pieces	
China	ceramic and porcelin (average)	included above	
China	ceramic and porcelin (inferior)	included above	
China	rhubarb	100picos	
China	liquorice	150picos	
China	white sugar	60~70picos	
China	brown sugar	150~200picos	
China-Goa route			
China	raw silk and twisted thread	1000picos	200cruzaos/ picos
China/Manila	silk damasc (fine)	10000~ 12000pieces	wide range
China/Manila	silk damasc (excellent)	included above	wide range

Old City Plan of Nagasaki (1635)



Area ruled under the
Nagasaki Magistrate
(central regime)



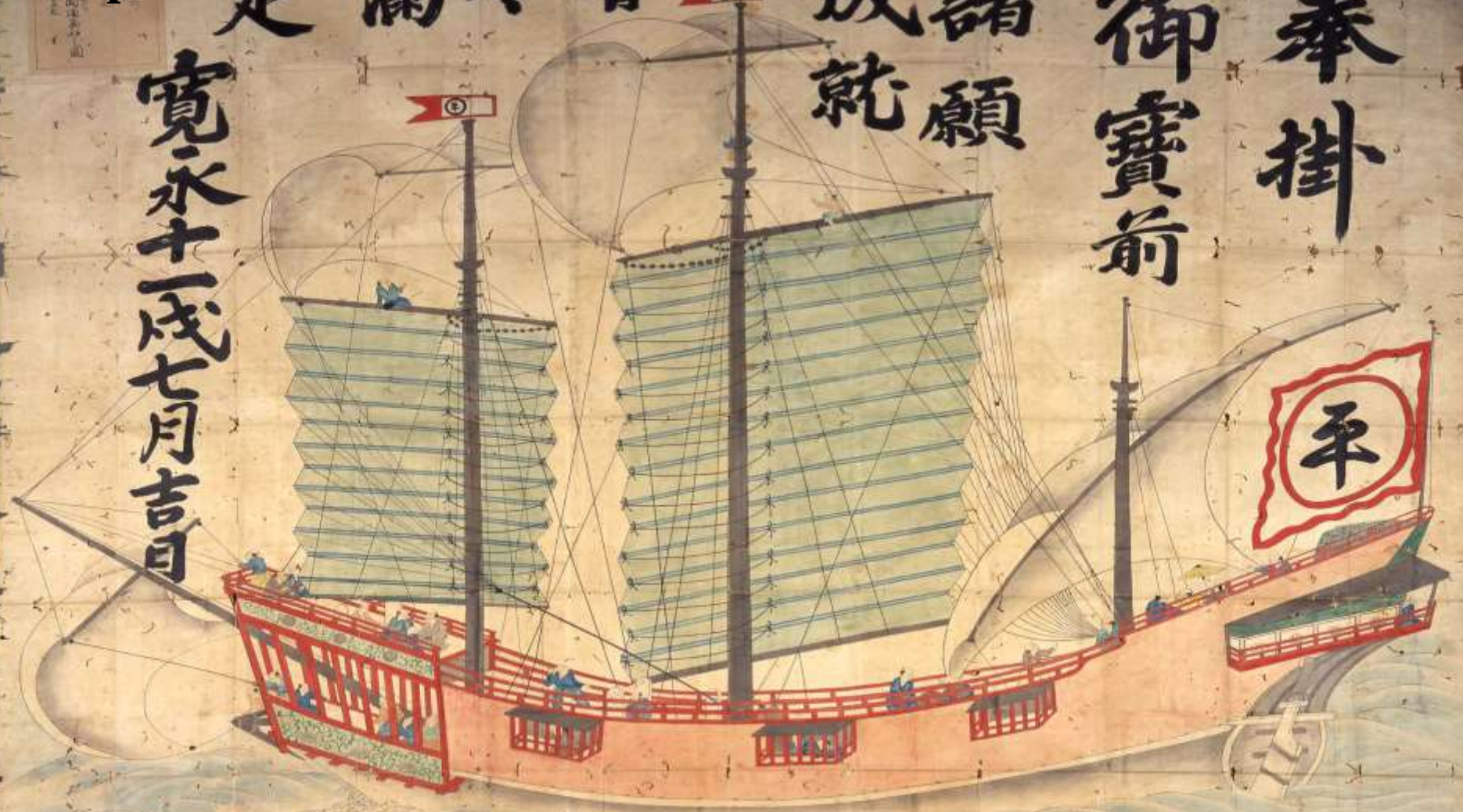
Area ruled under the
Chief Administrators

Votive Tablet of the Suetsugu Group

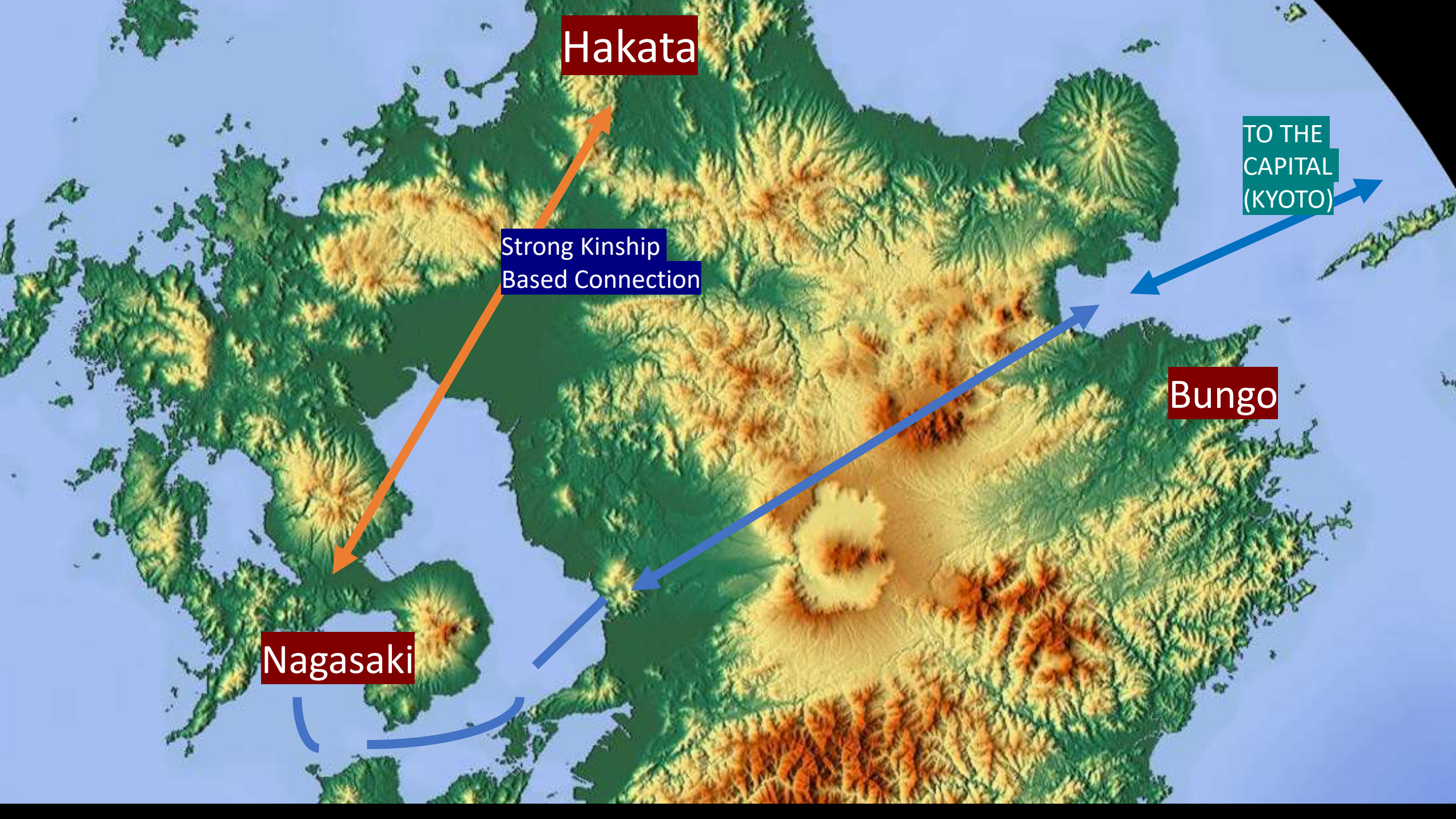
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寬永十二年七月吉日

平



豐後氏 石木氏 大賀氏 古手屋氏 平森氏 鹿谷氏 平森氏 清久氏 淺井氏 松木氏 手野屋氏 芝山氏 白倉氏 長谷川氏 幸田氏 新井氏



Hakata

Strong Kinship
Based Connection

TO THE
CAPITAL
(KYOTO)

Bungo

Nagasaki

Character of Bottomry(投銀) in Japan

Exemption from the responsibility of payments in the event of ship wrecks (海難)

The interest could be increased by 10 % in the case of a delay more than 1 year

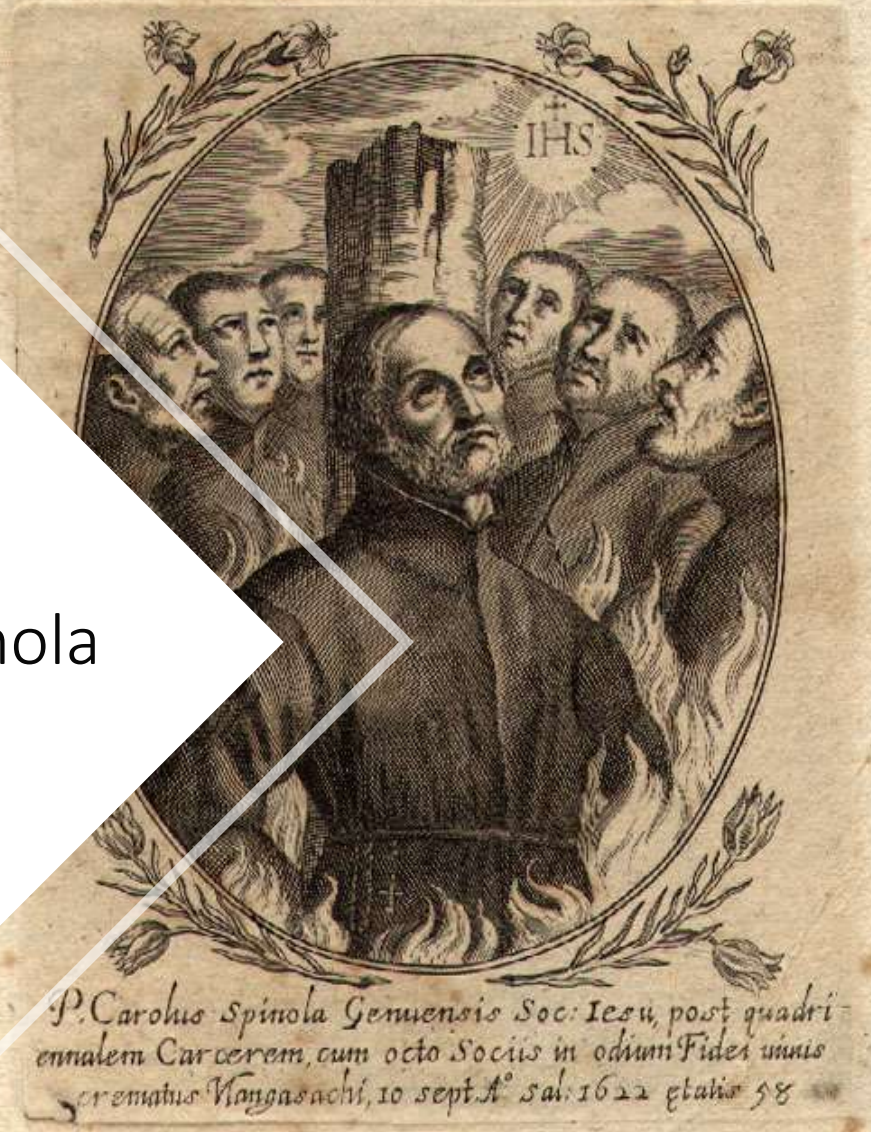
Collective (group) investments from merchants of Hakata (博多), Sakai (堺) and Nagasaki (長崎)

TABLE 3.2 Loan relationships with the Portuguese in Suetsugu Documents and Shimai Documents (agreements with Macao city and with individuals)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Date	11.05.1627	07.20.1631	11.16.1632	10.16.1633	11.06.1637	10.06.1638	10.16.1638	10.18.1638
Debtor	R.S. Paredes	M. Pereira	A. Lobo	F. Carvalho	T. Tavares A. Mancio	P.F. Carvalho	L.F. Marinho P. Crasto	João Pereira
Holder	Individual	Individual	City Macao	Individual	Individual	City Macao	Individual	City Macao
Silver amount (taels)	7,500	500	3,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	15,000
Interest	30%	unknown	33%	unknown	38%	25%	28%	25%
Creditor	Luís Tavares							
Obligee	Suetsugu Sotoku (末継宗徳)	Shimai Gombei (島井権平)	Nakano Hikobee (中野彦兵衛), Takagi Goroemon (高木五郎右衛門)	Shimai Gombei	Nakano Hikobee, Ito Kozaemon (伊藤小左衛門)	Suetsugu Sotoku	Nakano Hikobee, Oga Doku (大賀道句)	Nakano Hikobee, Takashima Shirohyoe (高島四郎兵衛), Suetsugu Sotoku, Takagi Goroemon, Oga Doku, Nakano Heikichi (中野平吉)
Source	Suetsugu Documents	Shimai Documents	Suetsugu Documents	Shimai Documents	Suetsugu Documents	Suetsugu Documents	Suetsugu Documents	Suetsugu Documents



A Jesuit Carlo Spinola



de Nagasagui 20. de Outubro de 1627

Genoa and Hakata



Places where were abundant of silver in the 16th century world.

After losing their function for trading ports to exchange commodities, investment system developed.

The existence of intermediary organizations and trust banks to accumulate individual capitals and arrange investments.

The first mention on the sea loan (bottomry) in Japan (1612) by Carlo Spinola, procurador of the Society of Jesus. One of the Spinola family in Habsburg Spain.



The Namban Trade

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