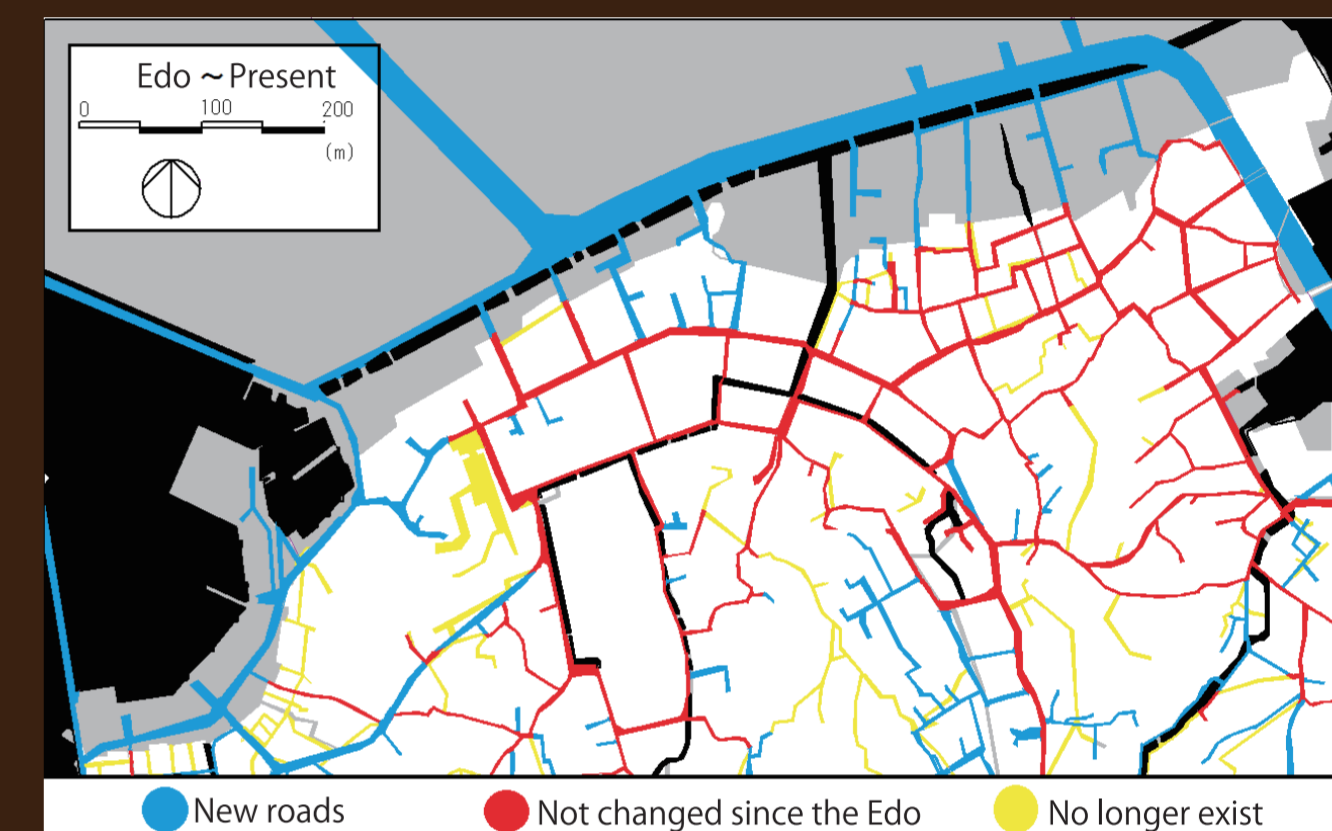


Formation of the Castle Town Fukahori and the Present



Former Samurai residents' street
(Source: Transfer to Nagasaki City 50 year commemorative event executive committee)



Above: Transition of the roads since modern times

Left: Fukahori which was the cornerstone of the Nagasaki Harbor entrance
You can see Fukahori in the picture on the bottom left.
(Black ships in 1647 (Entering Nagasaki harbor))
(Courtesy of the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture)

The origin of Fukahori

Remains from the Jomon era have been found in Fukahori and it has been confirmed that people were living here since primeval and ancient times. This land was formerly called Tohachi no ura, but since Yoshinaka Fukahori was designated as lord of the manor, the name was changed to Fukahori in the Kamakura era. Fukahori created a castle town around his castle and it is the base of the present townscape of Fukahori. Fukahori, located at the entrance of Nagasaki harbor, served the role of coastal defense

as it was used to keep an eye on the ships which entered and left the harbor during the Edo period. In 1871, Fukahori became part of Nagasaki prefecture and later admitted into Nagasaki City in 1955. The construction to reclaim the land from Fukahori to Koyagi was completed in 1967 and formed the present land. You can see that many roads in the central part of Fukahori still retain traces of the castle town such as the key-shaped road and the stone fences which surrounded the residents.