

Chinese Ships Entering Port (Types of Vessels)



Nanjing Ship (Artist and date unknown, color on paper scroll 57.5 x 78.3cm).

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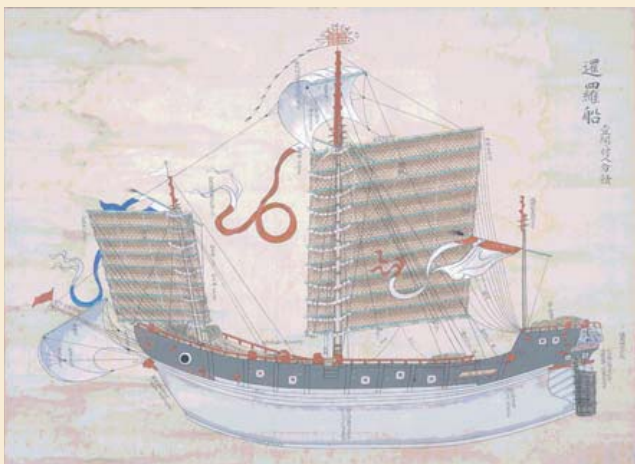
Ningbo Ship
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Guangdong Ship
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Thai Ship
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Chinese ships were split into three classifications depending on their point of departure; *kuchibune*, *nakaokubune*, and *okubune*. The size of the ships also differed. Nanjing and Ningbo ships were *kuchibune*; Guangdong ships, *nakaokubune*; Thai ships, *okubune*. The majority of *okubune* were large ships which could withstand storms on the open seas, and had crews of one hundred. However, the *kuchibune* which sailed from coastal areas such as Shanghai and Ningbo were small, and some of the vessels were riverboats known as “*sasen*”.