

History of Nagasaki Port

1. Opening the Gateway

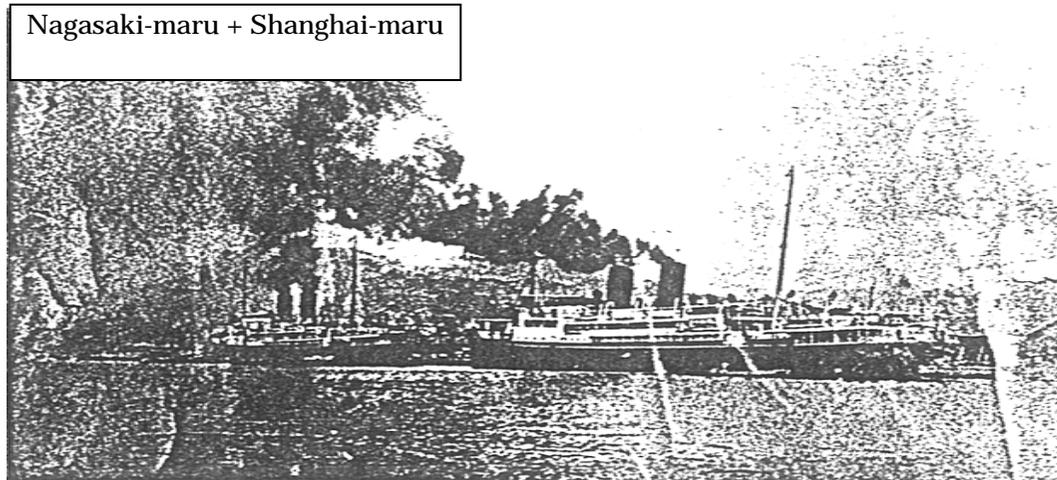
Nagasaki Port was opened to foreign trade in 1571 because Portuguese ship had entered the port and requested the trade. After that, Dejima was constructed in 1636 as a part of the national isolation policy of the shogunate and the Portuguese were accommodated there. However, the Portuguese were prohibited from entering the country by the fifth isolation order in 1639, after which Japan was limited to trade only with the Netherlands and China, and national isolation was complete. In addition, the Dutch trading house was moved from Hirado to Dejima, and their trade was limited to Nagasaki Port. In the period of national isolation, the trade with Netherlands and China was put under the management of the shogunate. New warehouses for keeping Chinese imports temporarily were constructed in 1702. Nagasaki Port continued to prosper as the the only gateway to the world during the period of national isolation.



(Nagasaki Print [Map of Nagasaki Port] =from the Nagasaki History Cultural Museum)

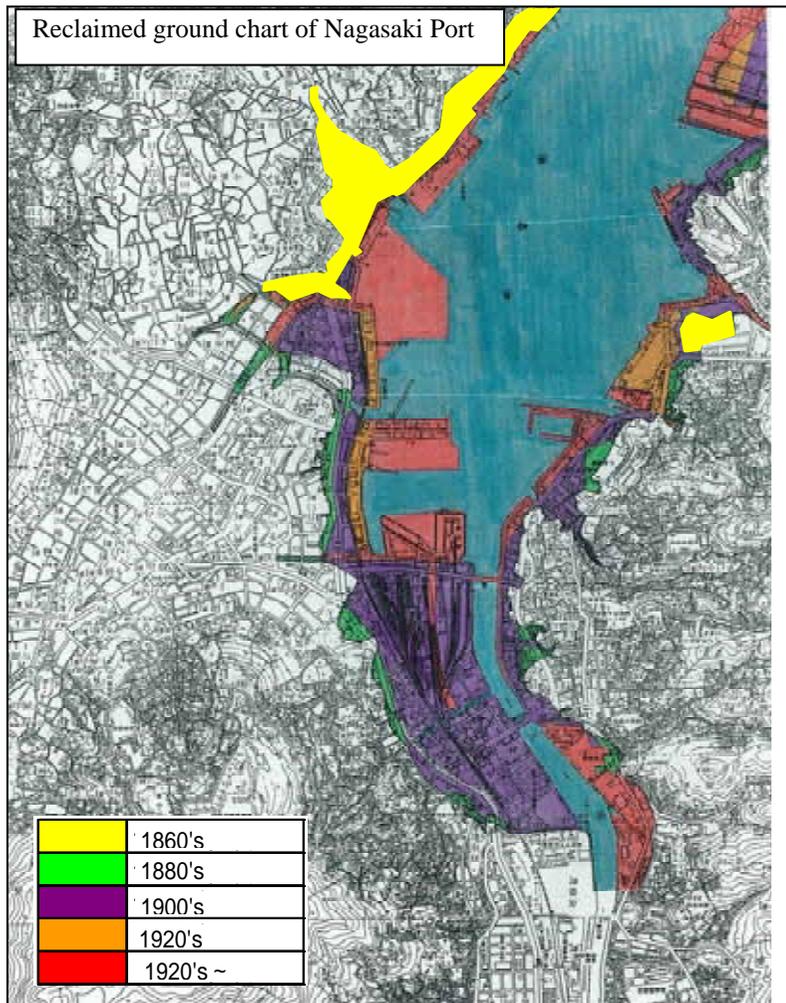
2. Abolition of National Isolation

In 1859, despite losing its monopolistic prosperity, after the opening up of the country and before the world wars, Nagasaki port was thriving with regular cargo lines to China, Australia and the Philippines, as well as a domestic coal bunker port for for domestic ships. (Between 1923 and 1943, Dejima pier (9m depth), which was used for departures and arrivals of the Shanghai regular line, is now Dejima Wharf.)



3. After World War

Nagasaki port has very little flat land, so reclaimed land was recreated for important port activities (See below).
In 1954, the first port plans were created after WWII and the port was upgraded to make it more modern.



Nagasaki Urban Renaissance Plans was settled on for improving urban functions and the metropolitan environment, and to create the city filled with energy and the charm. Nagasaki Prefecture has started redevelopment of Nagasaki Port on the inside as a leading project from 1988. Nagasaki Sea Side Park that was able to be called the essence of this project was opened in the Tokiwa-Dejima area in 2003. The Tokiwa-Dejima region is a base for local people and tourists to mix. Every spring, the Nagasaki Tall Ship Festival is held in and around Nagasaki Seaside Park.

Motofuna



Tokiwa and Dejima



Nagasaki Tall Ship Festival



In the Matsugae region, every year many international tourist ships visit Nagasaki Port. In order to accommodate large tourist ships, improvement work has been carried out to make Japan's first facilities which can accommodate ships of 100,000t level. This work was completed in 2008. In addition, new work will start on an international terminal building and a green space behind the pier in April 2009. This work is scheduled for completion in March 2010.

Sapphire Princess (116,000GT)



Costa Allegra (28,430GT)