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Ōmi Shōnin and the Growth of a Trading Diaspora Across the Early Modern Japanese Archipelago
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A Glossary of Terms and Names

Ōmi shōnin (merchant) = merchant from Ōmi

Ōmi province (present-day **Shiga prefecture**)

tenbinbō (a balance pole)

Lake Biwa (Japan's largest lake located in Ōmi/Shiga)

Kinai region (provinces near the imperial capital of Kyoto; the **Kyoto-Osaka** region)

Tōkaidō, Nakasendō, and Hokkoku Kaidō – three major highways

Obama and **Tsuruga** - port cities on the Japan Sea coast

markets (*ichi*) and guild-like trade associations (*za*) in the medieval era (ca. late 12th-14th c.)

daimyō (feudal warlords)

Tokugawa period (1603-1868)

Hikone – largest domain in Ōmi province

Hachiman, Gokashō, and Hino – major birthplaces of Ōmi shōnin

Nishikawa Jingorō I (1549-1644)

East Lake merchants (*kotō shōnin*), aka. Gokashō merchants.

Itō Chūbē I (1842-1903) – founder of **Itōchū Co.**

a store (*demise*), a branch (*edamise*)

mochikudari akinai - efficient wholesale-style peddling of local products to and from commercial destinations

shokoku sanbutsu mawashi (“distributing products of provinces around the country”)

noriai akinai or kumiai akinai - a prototype of the joint-stock venture

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hōkōnin (domestic servant; apprentice)

zaisho nobori – the Ōmi merchants' system of apprenticeship

Nakai Genzaemon (1716-1805), a pawnshop owner from Hino

Shin Buddhism / Pure land Buddhism (Jōdo Shinshū)

sanpō yoshi (“three-way satisfaction for the seller, the buyer, and the community”)

takokusha ishiki – Ōmi merchants' mindset as “outsiders”

Nakamura Jihee (1684-1757), a hemp merchant from Kanzaki District

hakuri tabai (low profit, large return)

Matsui Kyūzaemon III (1770-1855), a dry-goods merchant from Gokashō

intoku zenji (“secret acts of charity [are good]”)

Nishikawa Riemon (1591-1646), a merchant from Hachiman

Ezo (present-day Hokkaidō), **Ainu** people

Matsumae domain