

[Correction Notice]

Recently, we received a valuable correction from a knowledgeable visitor regarding the description on our website in the section Local Shimabara Peninsula Story under Historical Resources of Kuchinotsu Port.

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Relevant section: 3. Decline of the Coal Industry

Previously, we stated that the importance of Kuchinotsu Port declined along with the decline of the Miike Coal Mine.

However, the actual cause of the port's decline was the opening of Miike Port (muta Port) in 1909 (Meiji 42), which eliminated the need for transshipment at Kuchinotsu.

Cited correction:

Miike Coal Mine initially had shallow waters, preventing large vessels from entering. As a result, coal was first transported to Kuchinotsu Port for transshipment. With the completion of Miike Port in 1909, direct loading onto large ships became possible, leading to the rapid decline of Kuchinotsu Port.

(Reference: Mamoru Kumabe, The Rise and Fall of Kuchinotsu Port During the Development of the Coal Industry, Journal of Human Geography 24-5, 1972)

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Miike Coal Mine, due to its shallow waters, initially could not accommodate large ships. Coal was transported to Kuchinotsu Port for transshipment. However, in 1909 (Meiji 42), Miike Port was completed, allowing direct coal shipment from the mine to large vessels, eliminating the need for Kuchinotsu as a transshipment hub. This marked the beginning of the ports rapid decline.

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