

近代中国西南部における民間運輸・郵便組織、「麻郷約」(1852年～1949年)について：
「西南民間運輸巨擘『麻郷約』」の翻訳(一部省略)と若干のコメント

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“Ma xiang yao,” (麻鄉約) one of the largest companies
of transport and private postal service
in west-south China (1852-1949) — a translation with
introduction and comments — translated and commented by

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Ma xiang yao (麻鄉約) was established by Chen Hongyi (陳洪義) in 1852, initially as a palanquin company. Chen extended his business to transportation and private postal service, and the company developed a large network that spread over west-south China. The original article “On the largest private transport company in west-south China, ‘Ma xiang yao’,” written by the editorial group for Sichuwang’s traffic history, illuminates the lives of porters and recruitment practice for workers, as well as describing the structure of the company. The author of this piece has translated all two chapters (chapter 1 abridged) and appended introduction and postscript in which he discusses the significance of this research in the scholarships of modern Chinese history.