# Maps Re-imagined: Digital, Informational, and Perceptional Experimentations in Progress

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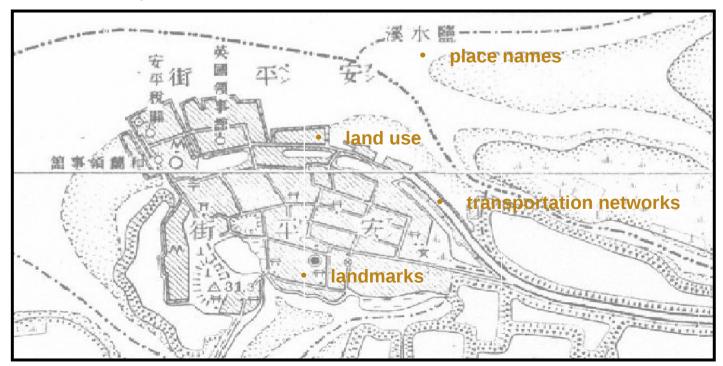
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#### Old Maps Re-Imagined: Why?

- The past can be perceived and explored anew
- The past and the present can be compared
- The past is re-presented by accurate datasets rooted in historical maps but is re-styled for novel use

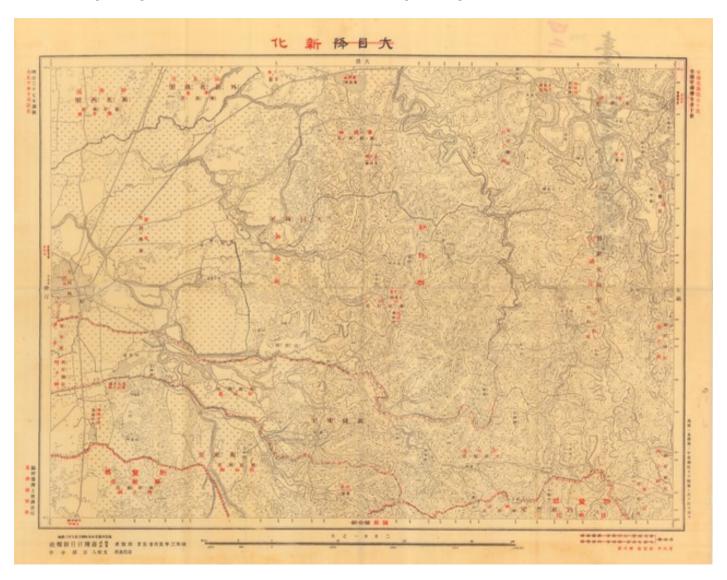
#### Taiwan Baotu & OpenStreetMap

- Taiwan Baotu (台灣堡圖), 1904
  - a set of 457 topographic maps of Taiwan, produced from systematic land surveys when the island was ruled by Japan
  - including information about place names, land use, transportation networks, landmarks, and others
  - scale of the map is 1/20,000

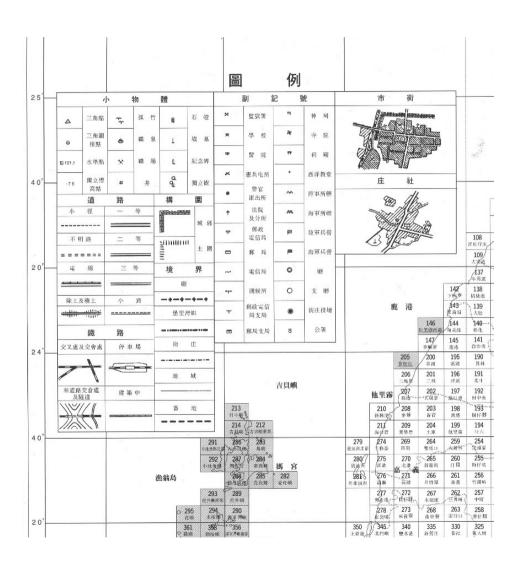


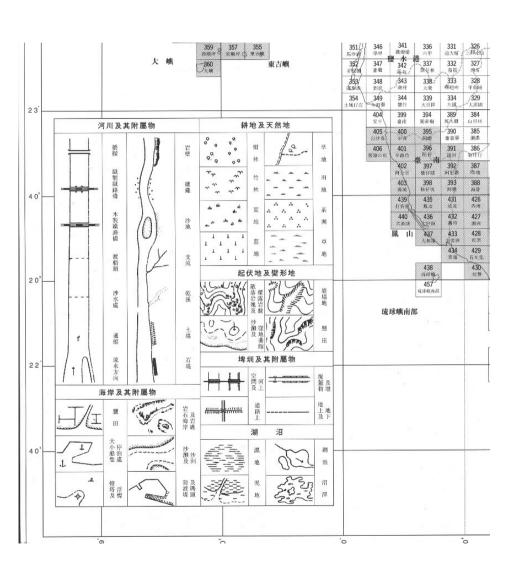
#### Sinhua 新化 大目降 (Tovacon in the Siraya language)

http://publicdomain.tw/u/pd4pd/m/Xin-Hua/



### Taiwan Baotu Keys and Symbols





#### Taiwan Baotu & OpenStreetMap

- OpenStreetMap (OSM), 2004
  - Open Source and Open Data: Free software (GNU GPLv2)
    with collaborative mapping data (ODC ODbL)
  - A flexible toolkit for mapping and other online services



- Why in OpenStreetMap?
  - Reusable common infrastructure and data format
  - Abundant tools for processing, styling, and layering maps
  - Customizable map styling

# OSM Features in (Key, Value) Pair

#### Vegetation or surface related

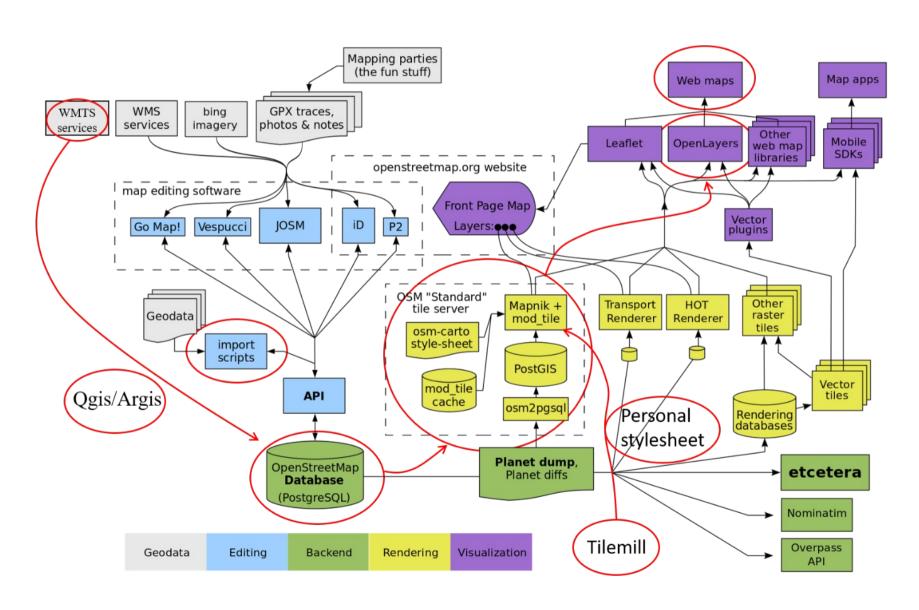
Key	Value	Element	Description	Image
natural	wood	•••	Tree-covered area (a 'forest' or 'wood')	
natural	tree_row	•	A line of trees	
natural	tree	0	A single tree	
natural	scrub	•••	Uncultivated land covered with bushes or stunted trees.	
natural	heath	<b>-4</b>	A dwarf-shrub habitat, characterised by open, low growing woody vegetation, often dominated by plants of the Ericaceae.	100
natural	moor	• <b>•</b>	Don't use, see wikipage	
natural	grassland	<b>:</b>	Natural areas where the vegetation is dominated by grasses (Poaceae) and other herbaceous (non-woody) plants.	ZV

#### Old Maps Re-Imagined: How?

- Digitize map sheets and merge images (done by the Center for GIS, Academia Sinica)
- Extract and collect features from images (QGIS)
- Convert feature collections into OSM datasets
- Render datasets by self-hosted OSM tile servers
- Experiment with various map styles (Tilemill)

#### OSM Components (modifications in red)

https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Component\_overview



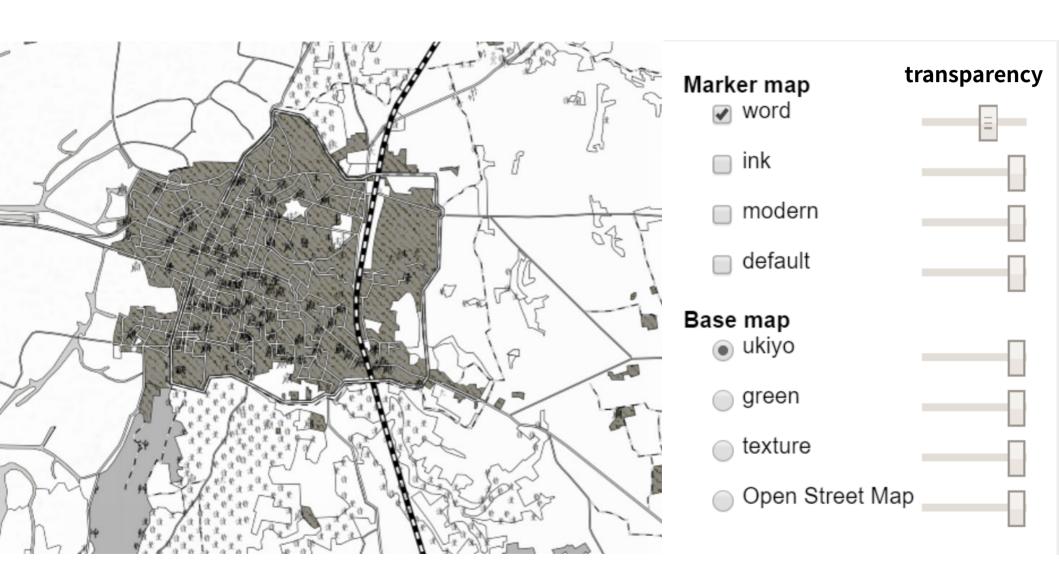
#### Old Maps Re-Imagined: Software

- QGIS (https://qgis.org/en/site/)
  - Free and open-source cross-platform desktop Geographic Information System (GIS) application
  - Vector data is stored as either point, line, or polygon features
- Tilemill (https://tilemill-project.github.io/tilemill/)
  - Open source map design studio, developed by a community of contributors
- Openlayers (https://openlayers.org/)
  - Open-source JavaScript library for displaying map data in web browsers as slippy maps

# Old Maps Re-Imagined: Current Experimentations

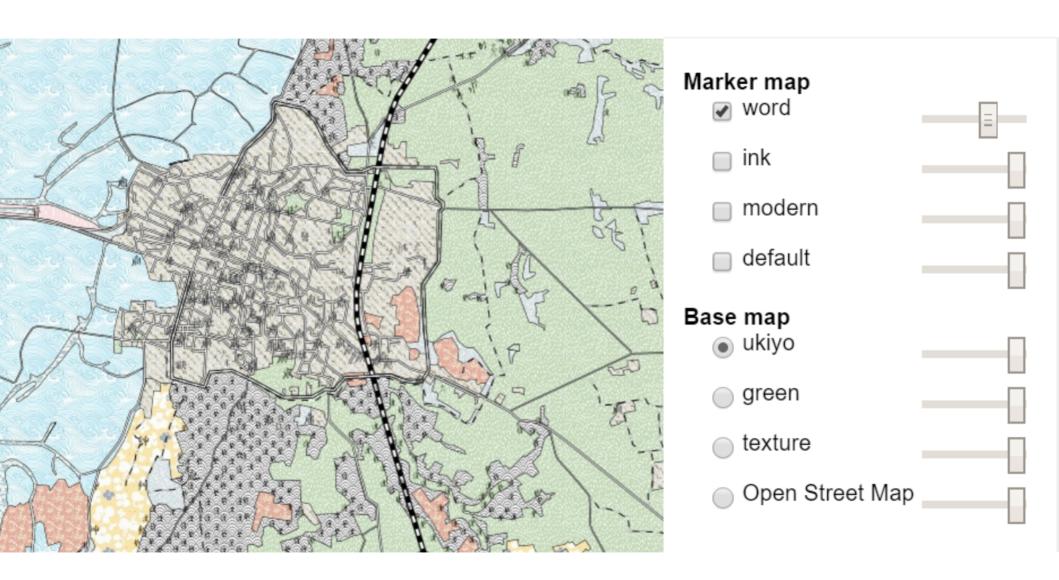
- Some technical details about the process
  - https://bcfuture.github.io/tileserver/Maps Re-imagined Technical document.pdf
- A pan-and-zoom multiscale modern map of the past
  - Available online in a preliminary form
  - https://bcfuture.github.io/tileserver/Switch.html

#### Re-styled Taiwan Baotu in OSM



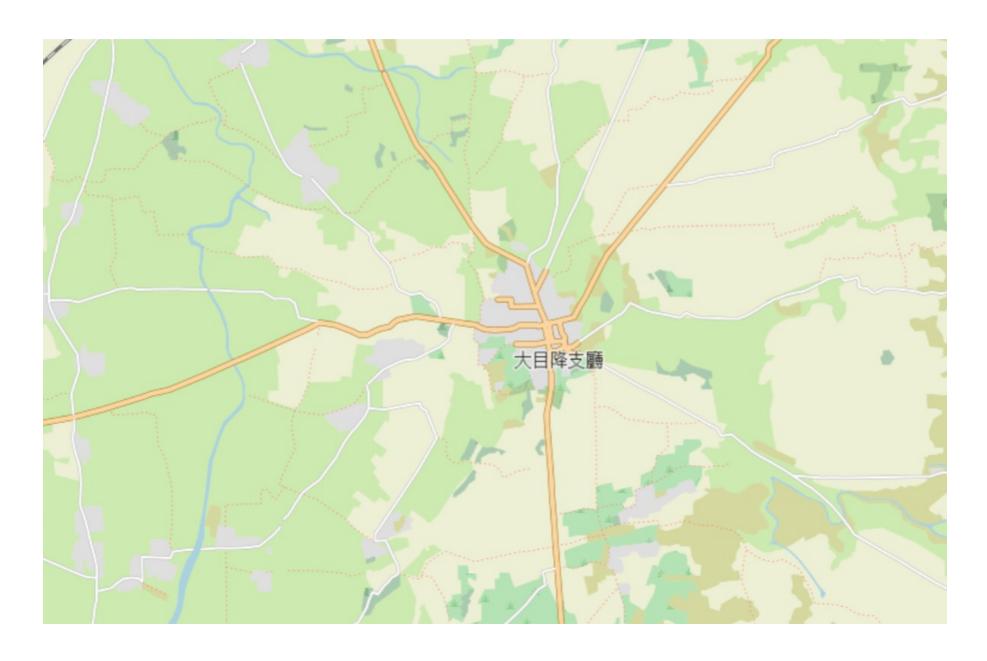
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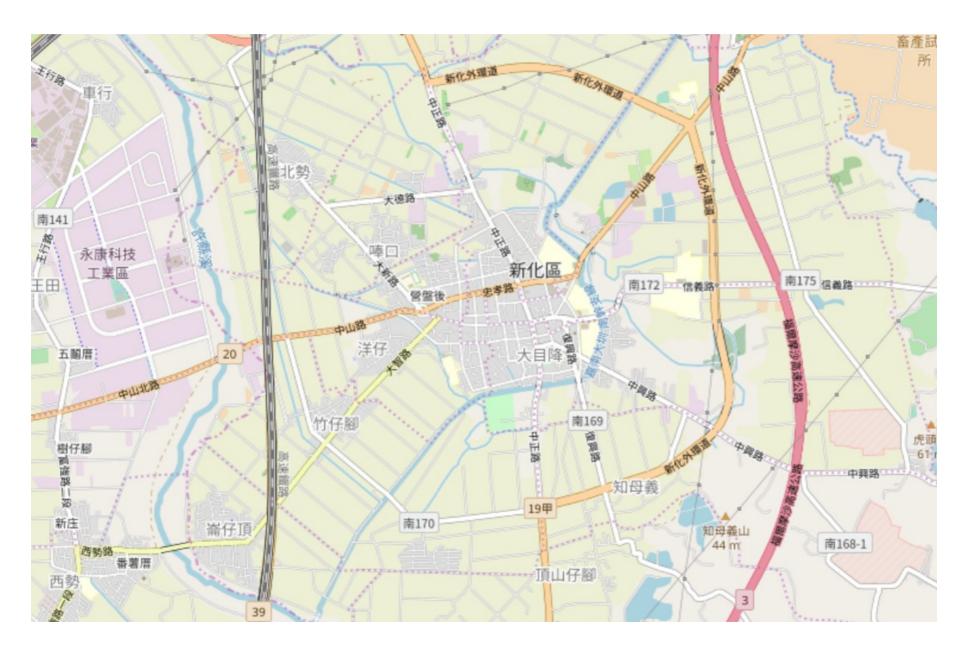


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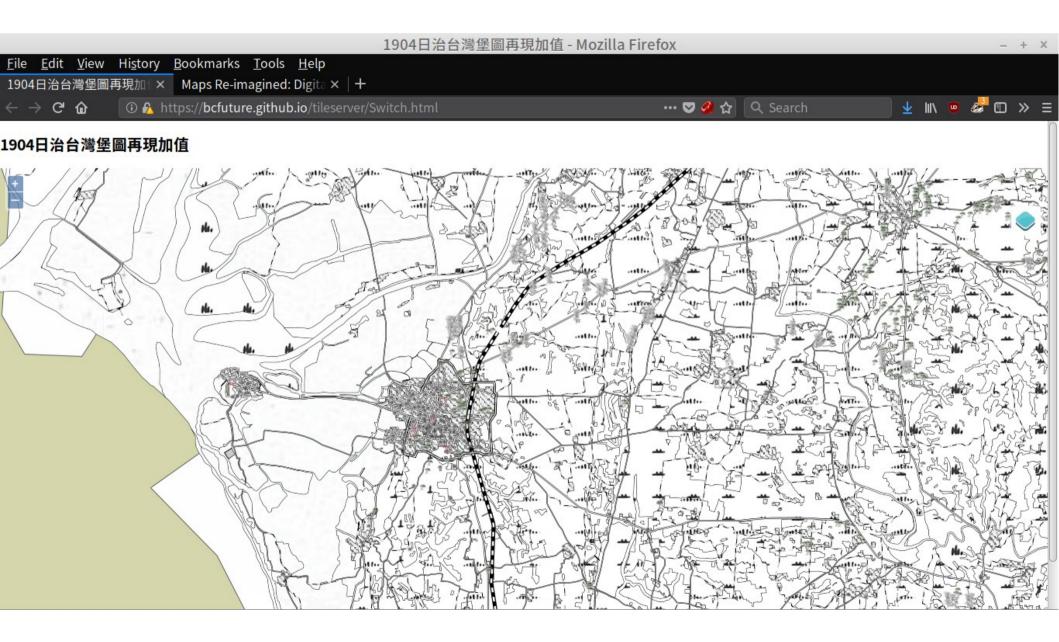
# Sinhua in 1904, rendered in OSM



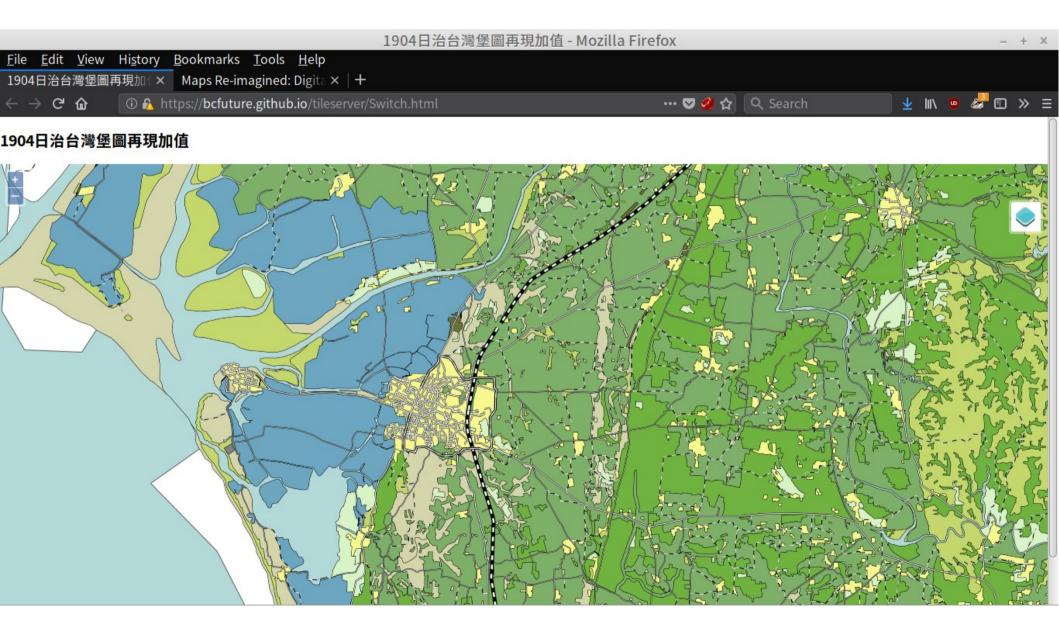
#### **Current Sinhua in OSM**



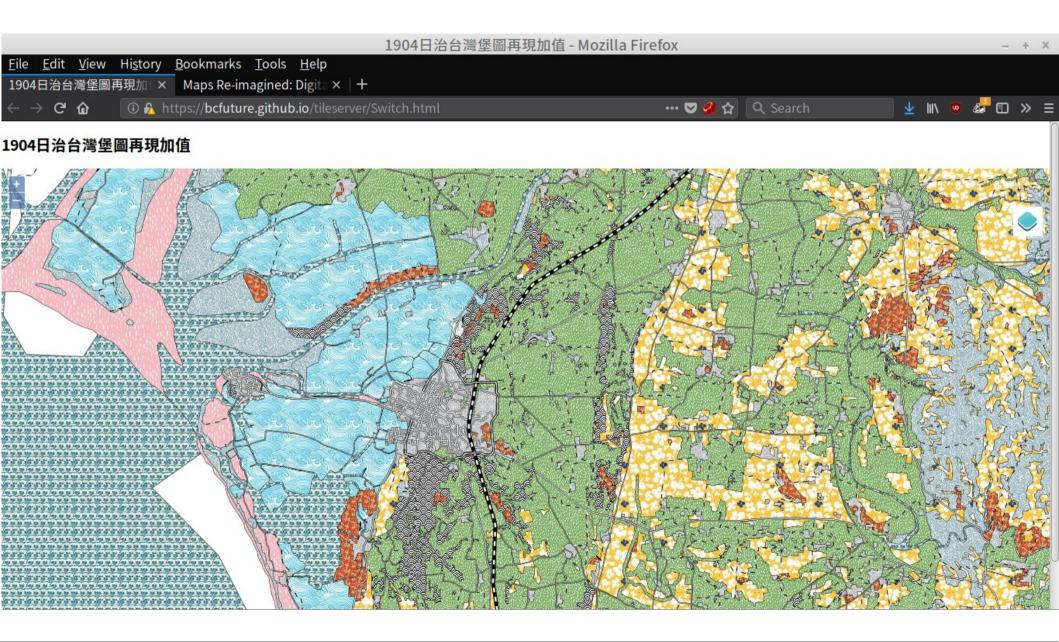
## Tainan & Anping (Ink Marker)



# Tainan & Anping (Green Basemap)

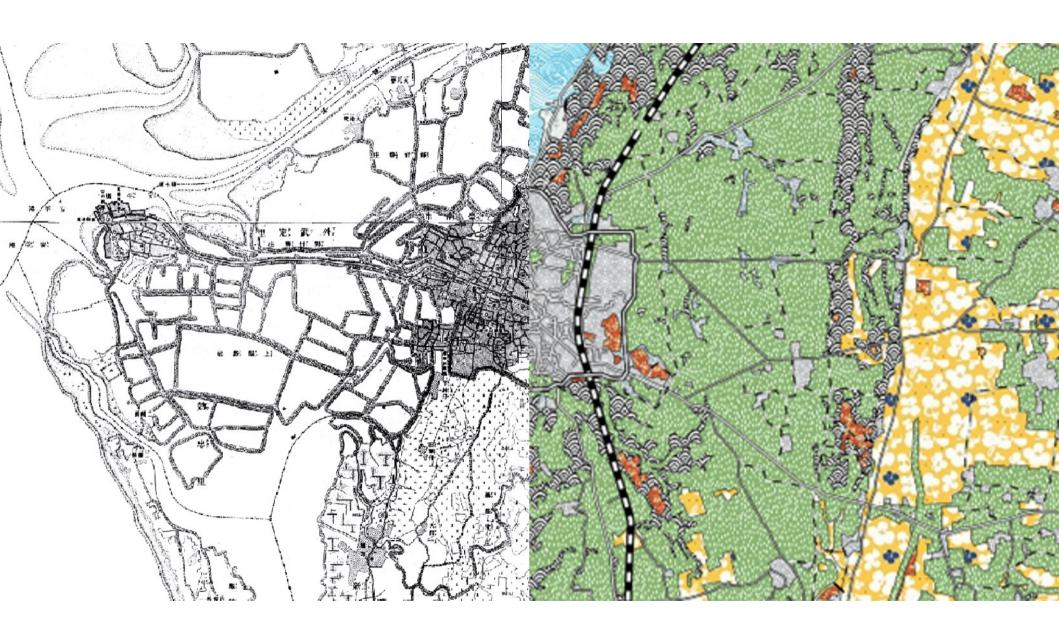


# Tainan & Anping (Ukiyo Basemap)



#### From Taiwan Baotu to OpenStreetMap

- Technical choices: Use only open source tools
  - OpenStreetMap & Ubuntu
  - QGIS & WMTS (for feature extraction)
  - ogr2osm.py (for format conversion)
  - TileMill (for designing and editing map styles)
  - OpenLayers (for layering with other map sources)
- Proof-of-concept
  - manual work, putting pieces together, doing experiments
- Problem of scaling-up
- Re-visualizing datasets and linking with other resources



Thank You!