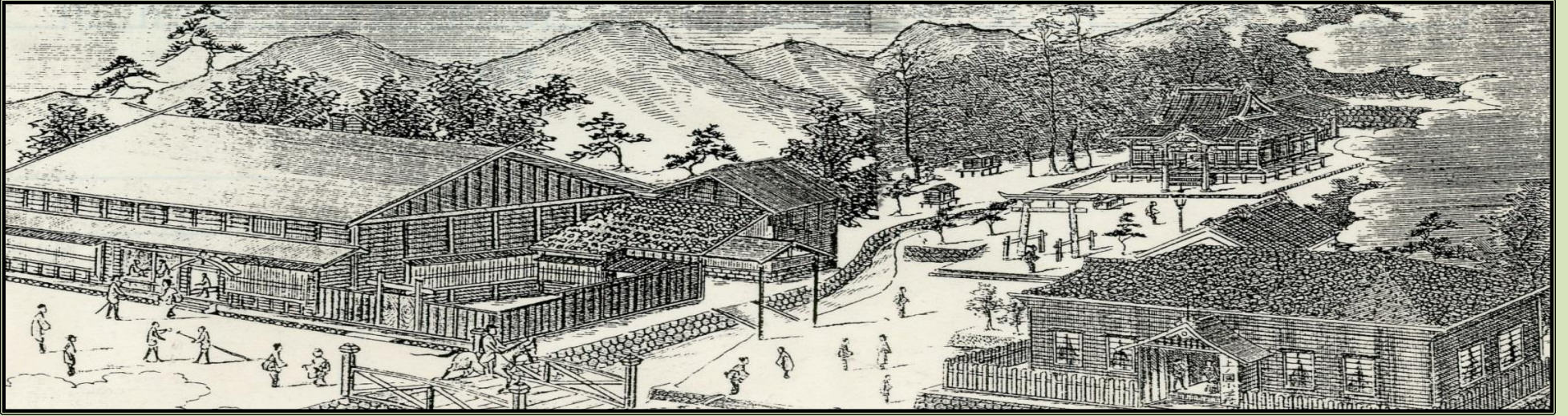


## ~The glory of the Sasanami Family~



Every family head of Sasanami succeeded to the first name 'Kyuemon' from generation to generation. At first, they didn't have their last name (Sasanami). They used 'Notoya' and 'Hoshiyamani' as a business name.

Business peaked during Kyuemon the 8<sup>th</sup>'s reign. He managed not only the fishing industry but also the marine products industry and selling fancy goods. He was the headman of Kaminokuni. In his reign, the Sasanami Family was given the rank of samurai. (=being permitted to adopt a surname and wear a pair of swords. At that time, common people weren't permitted to adopt surnames or wear swords. Therefore, this was a great honor for common people. It was said that **even if the Miyanosawa stream dried up, Notoya (=Sasanami Family) would never starve because there was everything but the horn of horse in their seven storehouses.**

After the Meiji Period, he contributed to paddy cultivation and established schools.

For these reasons, the Sasanami Family was an important existence for people of Kaminokuni for many years!