

This thesis intends to provide a general outline of the development of communication means in Korea throughout its history until the last decades of the 19th century, when new modern communication systems were introduced. In this thesis, the term historical communication includes the establishment of relay stations and postal roads which form the base of the communication network, mounted express messengers, dissemination of public and personal letters and also the intelligence gathering during the Imjin war period. This work is broadly divided into two parts. The first part is dedicated to individually describing communication systems before the establishment of I dynasty, the second part, which I put emphasis on, deals mainly with their form and organization during the Kingdom of Joseon (□□, 1392–1897).