

## **Abstract:**

In my work, I am dealing with the process of forming the Saccho military alliance and its role in overthrowing the Tokugawa reign. I present an overview of major events in the 1860s that led to the formation of the alliance, and also give insight into the political scene of these years. Furthermore I deal with important political movements that influenced the last days of the Tokugawa shogunate. In addition, I focus my attention on the important military events that led to the negotiation on the alliance. In the process of forming the Saccho alliance itself I briefly describe the key personalities who have contributed to the successful conclusion in the formation of the alliance between Sacuma and Choshu.