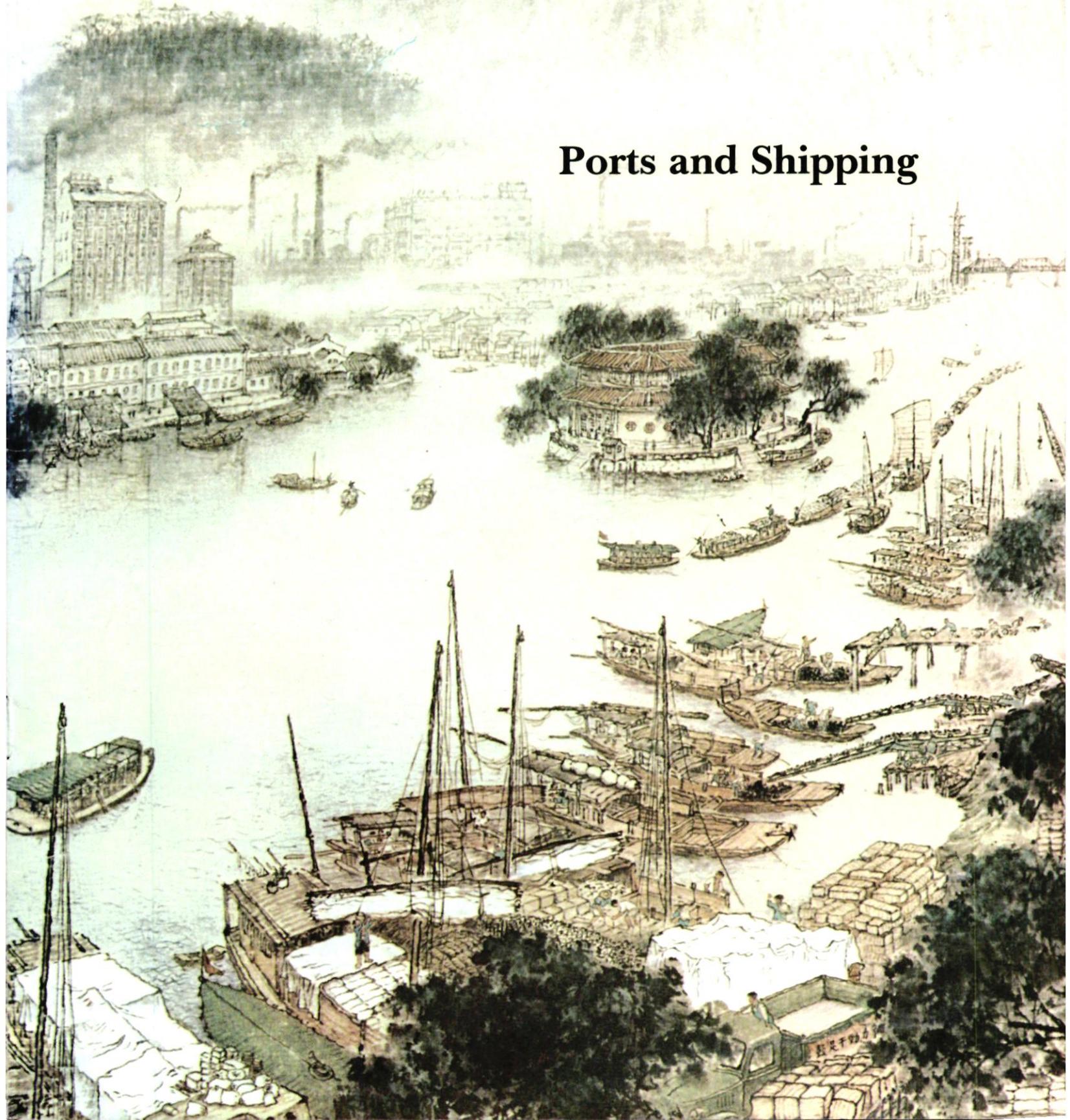


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San Francisco-The West's Most Experienced Cargo Handler

Hacks and drays crowded Pacific Mail Steamship Company's wharf at First and Brannan Streets in 1867 to await the arrival of the large wooden side-wheelers inbound from the Far East. That year the first regular steamship service across the Pacific Ocean was established providing monthly service between San Francisco and Shanghai. Besides mail and passengers, the steamers carried up to 2,800 tons of cargo — primarily rice, silk and tea, inbound, and flour and "treasures" on the outbound voyage.

Today, chiefly containerized cargo is carried between San Francisco and Shanghai on China Ocean Shipping Company's modern ro/ro ships. Inaugurated in 1981, this regular liner service between China and the U.S. West Coast continues our long history as trading partners.

Transpacific countries are the major trading partners of the Port of San Francisco, accounting for 35% of all imports/exports in 1981 — a 28% increase over the previous year.

As a gateway Port to countries of the Pacific Rim, San Francisco has the facilities and connections to move your cargo to and from the Pacific quickly, efficiently and competitively.

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