

TIME FOR SOME RAMEN!!!!!!! By Noel Siley

What is ramen??

- Ramen is commonly identified as a japanese noodle soup dish
- Ramen actually uses chinese style wheat or egg noodles
- Typically with a heavy pork based broth



Japan's Ramen or China's Ramen?

- Contrary to what many Japanese may believe, ramen was actually a chinese inspired dish
- Chinese immigrants after the first world war, saw a god opportunity to enter the Japanese market
- Many chinese eateries began to pop up during this time due to how cheap and closely japanese related the food was
- The Chinese made the dish for the japanese and made it closely related to their palate so it would sell

Chinese and Japanese relations

- Chinese and japanese relations have been shaky over the years
- One of the main reasons is due to the wars they've fought between each other
- Such as the first and second Sino-Japanese wars
- The japanese were very keen on not acknowledging their war crimes to China
- However, Japan says their relations are bad because of the People's Liberation Army's assertive actions towards them



Why does this matter?

- National pride of Japan
- They've made the dish theirs by how they prepare it and the unique tastes across the nation
- Despite coming from the chinese, due to the dish's popularity and taste, the japanese wanted to make sure this was their own creation



Here's a brief summary!!!

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