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## New China Town

Southeast  
neighborhood  
grows with  
Asian flair

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Although China Town in Old Town prides itself on being one of the oldest neighborhoods in Portland, there's a new China Town on the eastside that proving itself as an even more popular destination for residents and shoppers.

Along Southeast 82nd Avenue from Stark Street to Clinton Street, you can observe the impact of the new China Town, with its growing base of stores driven by traditional Asian culture.

"A lot of people say that 82nd is the new China town because a lot of people and stores are here," said Jessica Jang, an employee of the Wing Ming Herbs shop at 82nd and Division. Originally from China, Jang has lived in Portland for the past three years.

A natural herbal and dietary supplement center, the store is packed with traditional Chinese medicines and other Asian products. It's one of the many businesses in the neighborhood which is bringing people from all over the city.

A lot of culture exists in the area, said Jang, because a lot of people move to Portland directly from China and other parts in Asia, and then settle in the southeast Portland neighborhood.

"People move from Old Town-China Town too," she said. "They say here is very convenient."

Agnes Yu, the daughter of the founders of the 10-year-old herbs shop, agreed.

She said most of the products within the store come from Asia, including China, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore. Wing Ming is the only shop that is 100 percent herbal within the greater Portland area, said Yu.

On Wednesday last week, Yu walked



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Agnes Yu helps a customer purchase fish oil from her parent's Wing Ming Herbs shop, which is located in Portland's 'New China Town,' a neighborhood packed with Asian-related business around Southeast 82nd Avenue and Division Street.