

The Last (and Best?) Samurai Government

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Battle of Sekigahara (1600/10)

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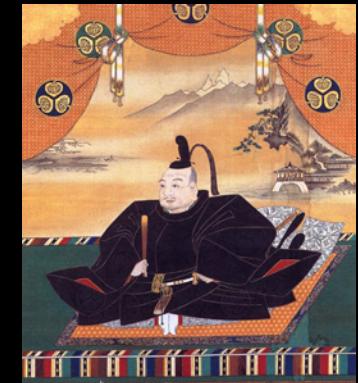
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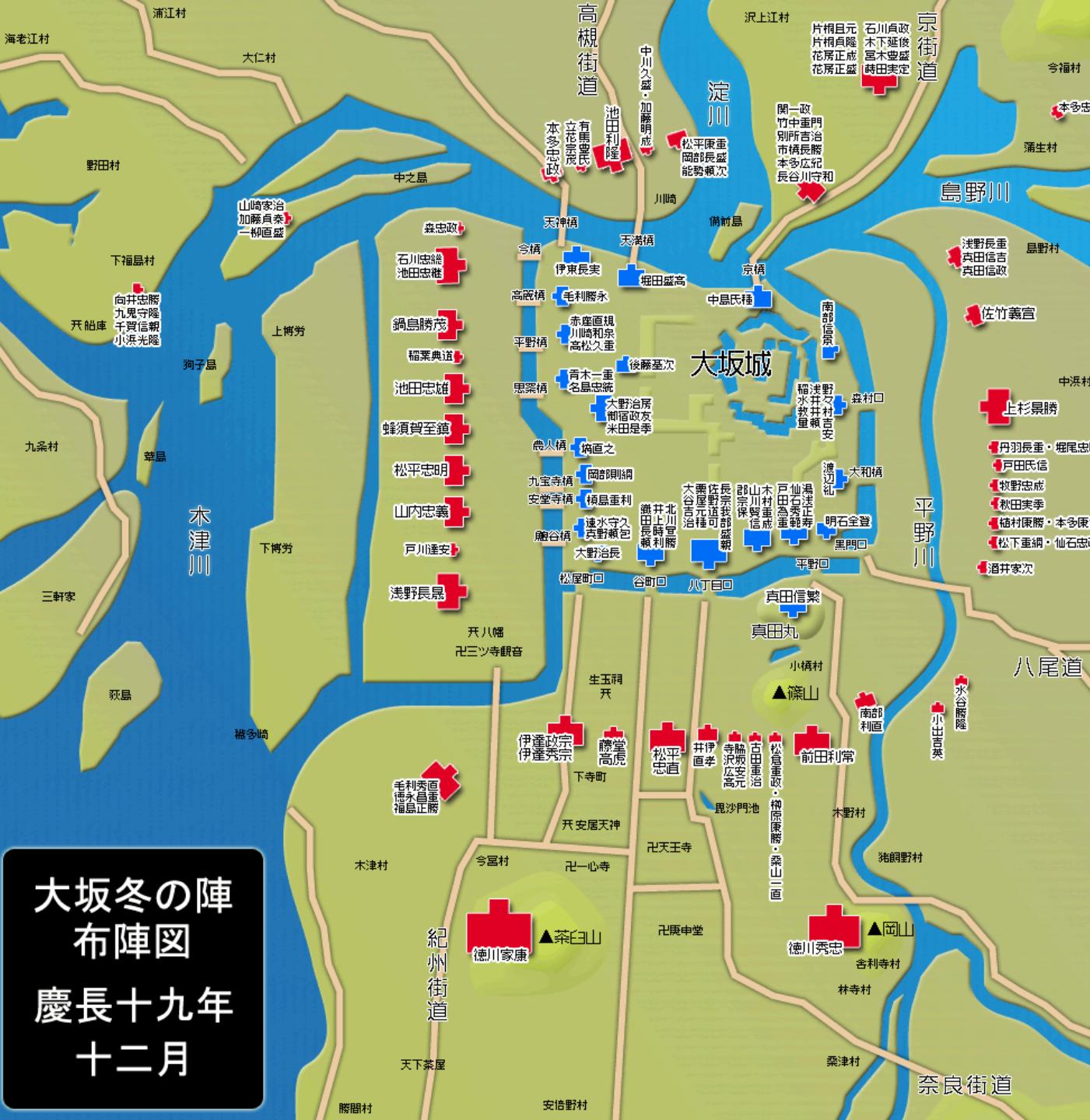


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Battle of Osaka (1614/11, 1615/5)

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大坂冬の陣
布陣図
慶長十九年
十二月

Battle of Osaka 1614/11

Battle of Osaka 1615/5



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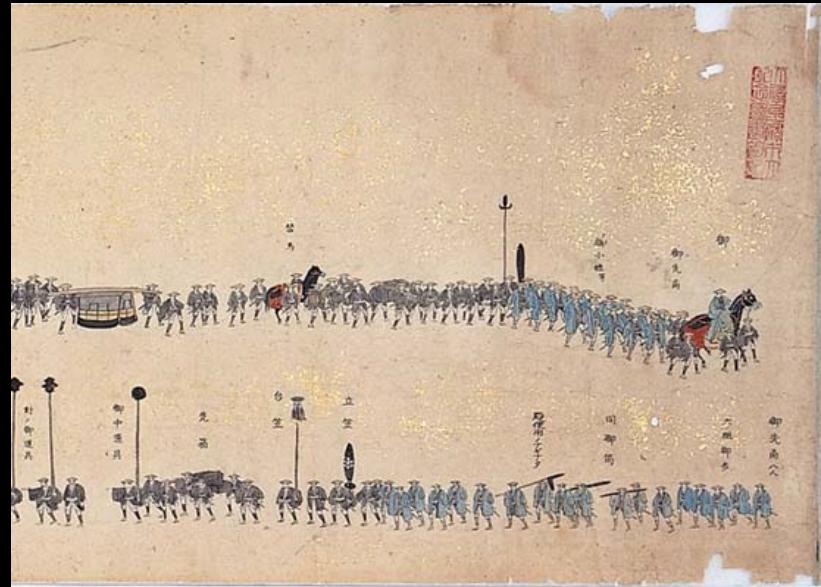
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Tokugawa Polity: *Bakuhan* System

- *Daimyō*: ensuring lasting subservience
 - Warrior Law Code of 1615
 - One castle per domain
 - Oath of direct loyalty
 - No alliance/control of marriage
 - Participation in Tokugawa public works projects
 - Redistribution of domains

Sankin-kōtai (Alternate Attendance)

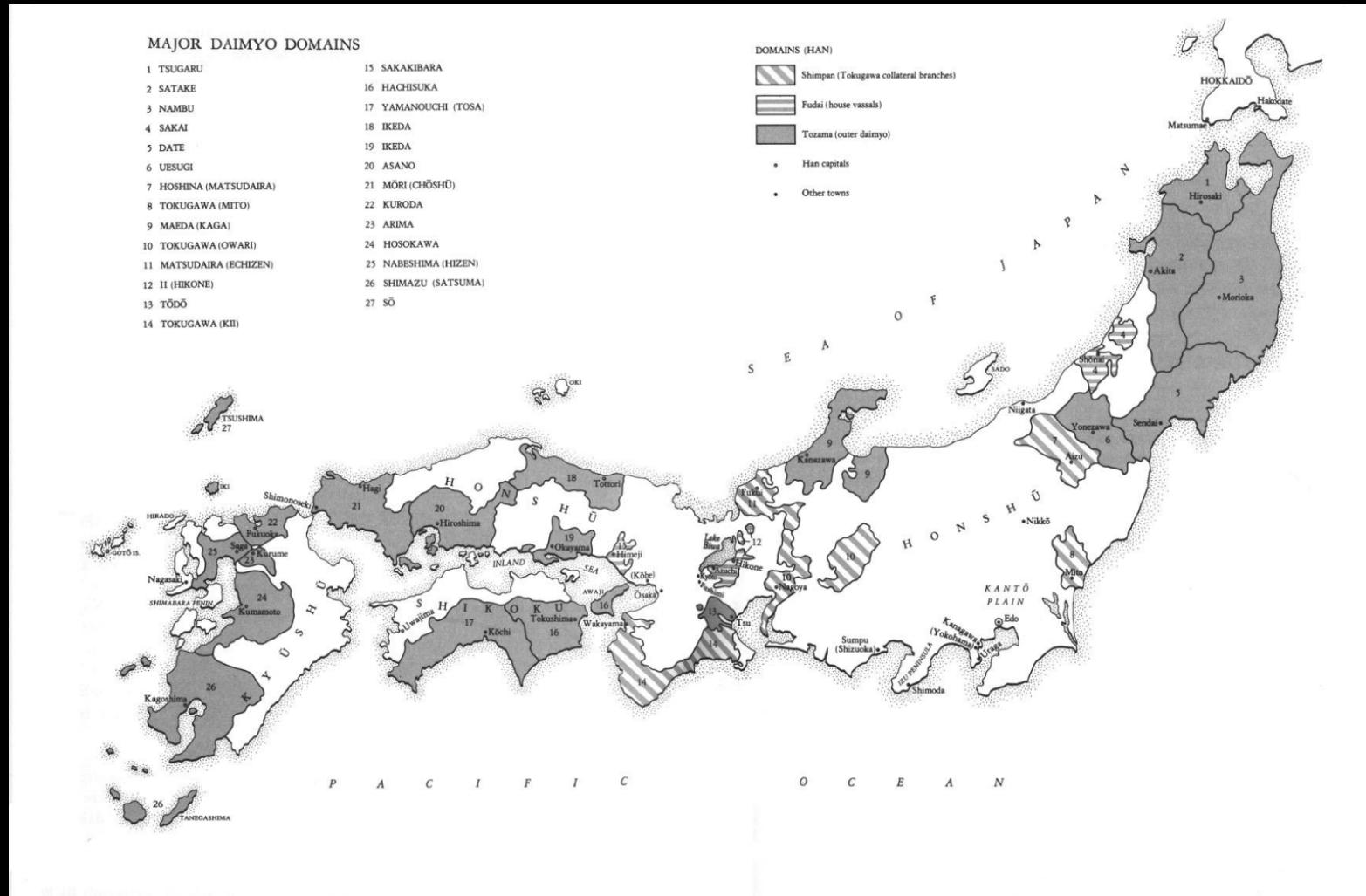
- Started under Ieyasu
- Splitting time between Edo and domain
- Wives and children always in Edo
- Expanded under Iemitsu in 1642
- Hostage system?
More ways to spend money?



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Redisributing Domains

- *Shinpan, Fudai, and, Tozama*



Tokugawa Polity: *Bakuhan* System

- Samurai: from warrior to bureaucrat
 - Severed from the land
 - Received annual salaries=“stipends”
 - From warriors to bureaucrats
 - Relatively privileged but also confined

Tokugawa Polity: *Bakuhan* System

- Imperial court: political marginalization
 - Closely regulated by *bakufu*
 - Promulgated “Laws for Nobles”
 - Shogun controlled court appointments and power to grant land incomes
 - Shogun’s deputy stationed in Kyoto close to palace

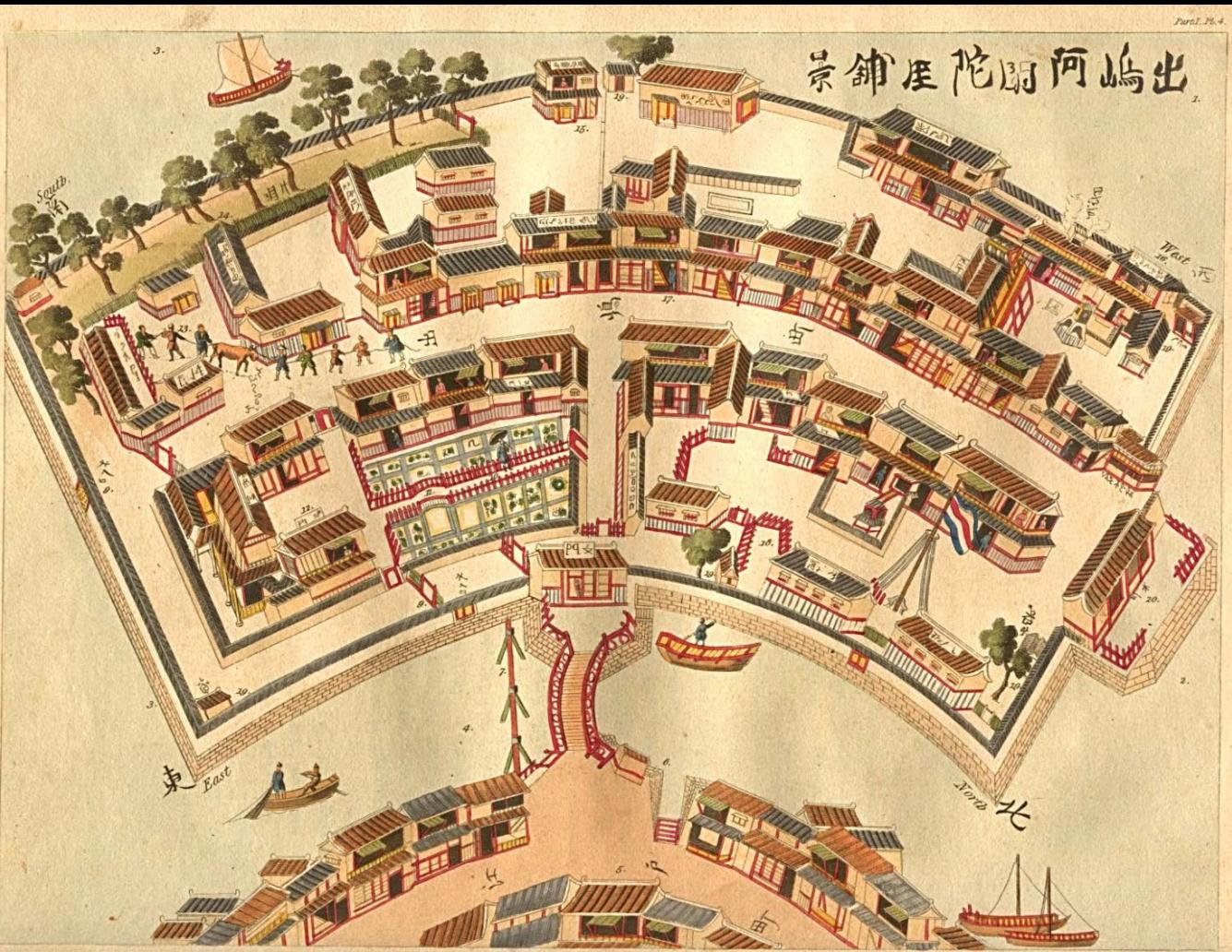
Tokugawa Polity: *Bakuhan* System

- Commoners
 - Status system
 - Temple registration



Tokugawa Polity: *Bakuhān* System

- Foreigners: Chinese, Koreans, and the Dutch



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Dejima Island
(Nagasaki)

Religion and Thought

- Christianity
 - Some Ieyasu allies
 - New height of persecution under Iemitsu
 - Peasant rebellion in 1637-38
 - “Seclusion” in 1639
- Office of Religious Inquiry
- Renewed emphasis on Shintō
 - Ieyasu deified by Iemitsu: *Tōshō daigongen* (“Great Reincarnation of the Eastern Light”)
 - *Tōshōgū*: more important than Ise Shrine
- Warrior Ideology

Hierarchy and Status

- S (amurai)
- P (easants)
- A (rtisans)
- M (erchants)



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Hierarchy and Status



Consequences of Tokugawa Order

- Impressive developments
- Emergence of national economy
- Urban life
- Contradictions



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