

The Fall of Tokugawa and Aizu

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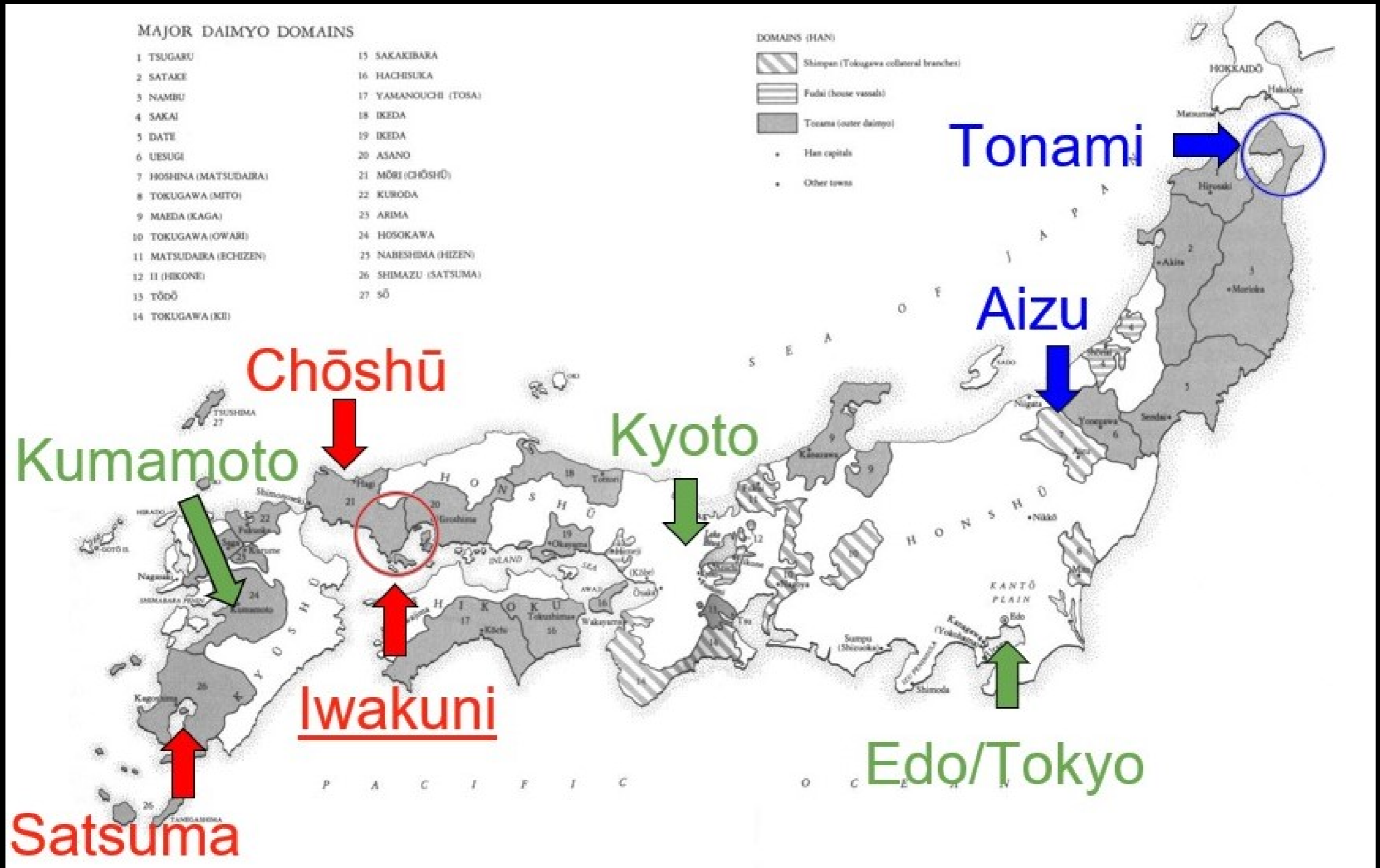
Remembering Aizu: The Testament of Shiba Gorō



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Shiba Gorō's Japan

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March 24, 1860:
Edo Castle, Sakuradamon

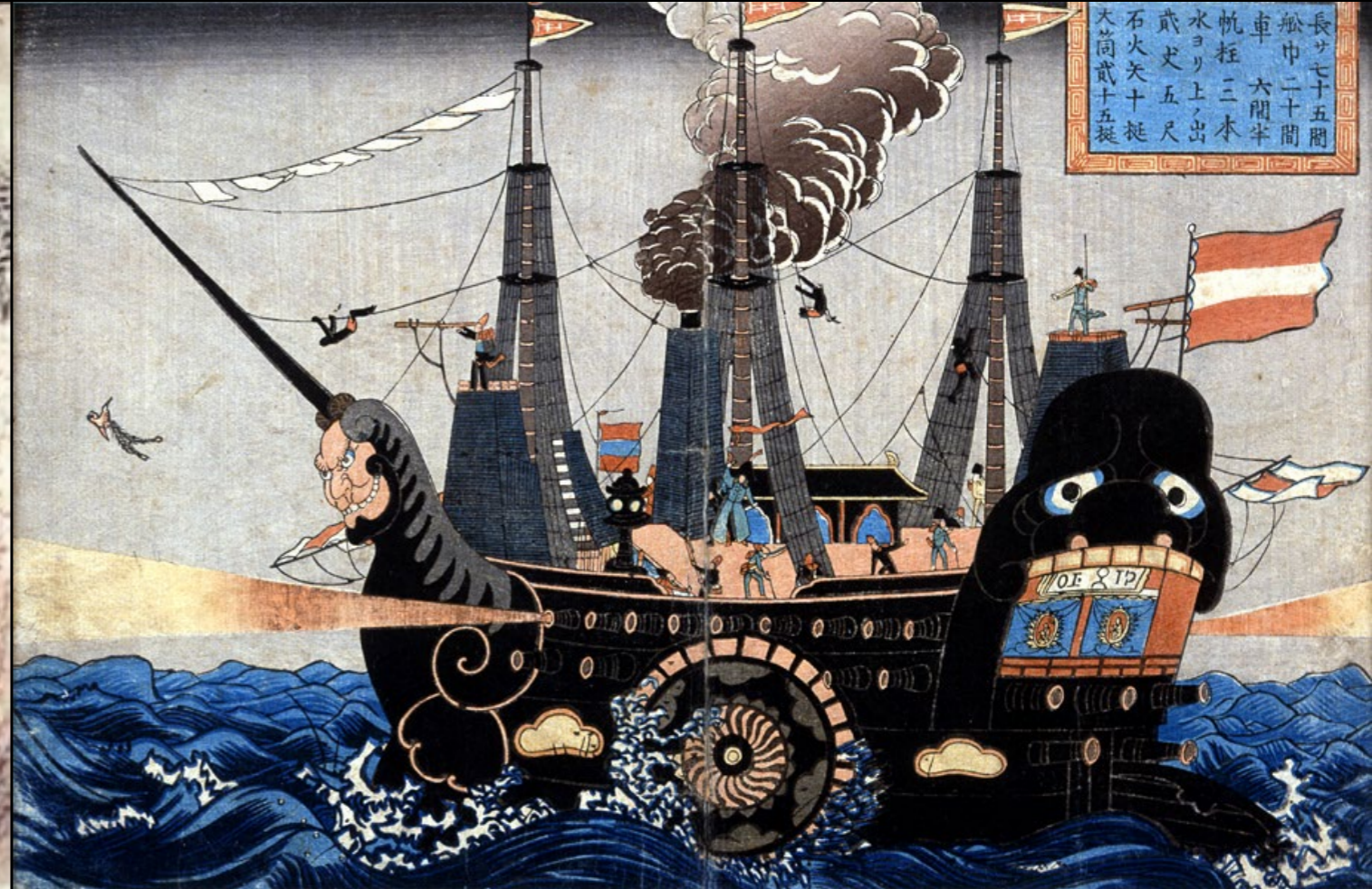
Naiyū Gaikan:

“Troubles at Home, Dangers from Abroad”

- Troubled 1830s: Tempō Crisis



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Dangers from Abroad

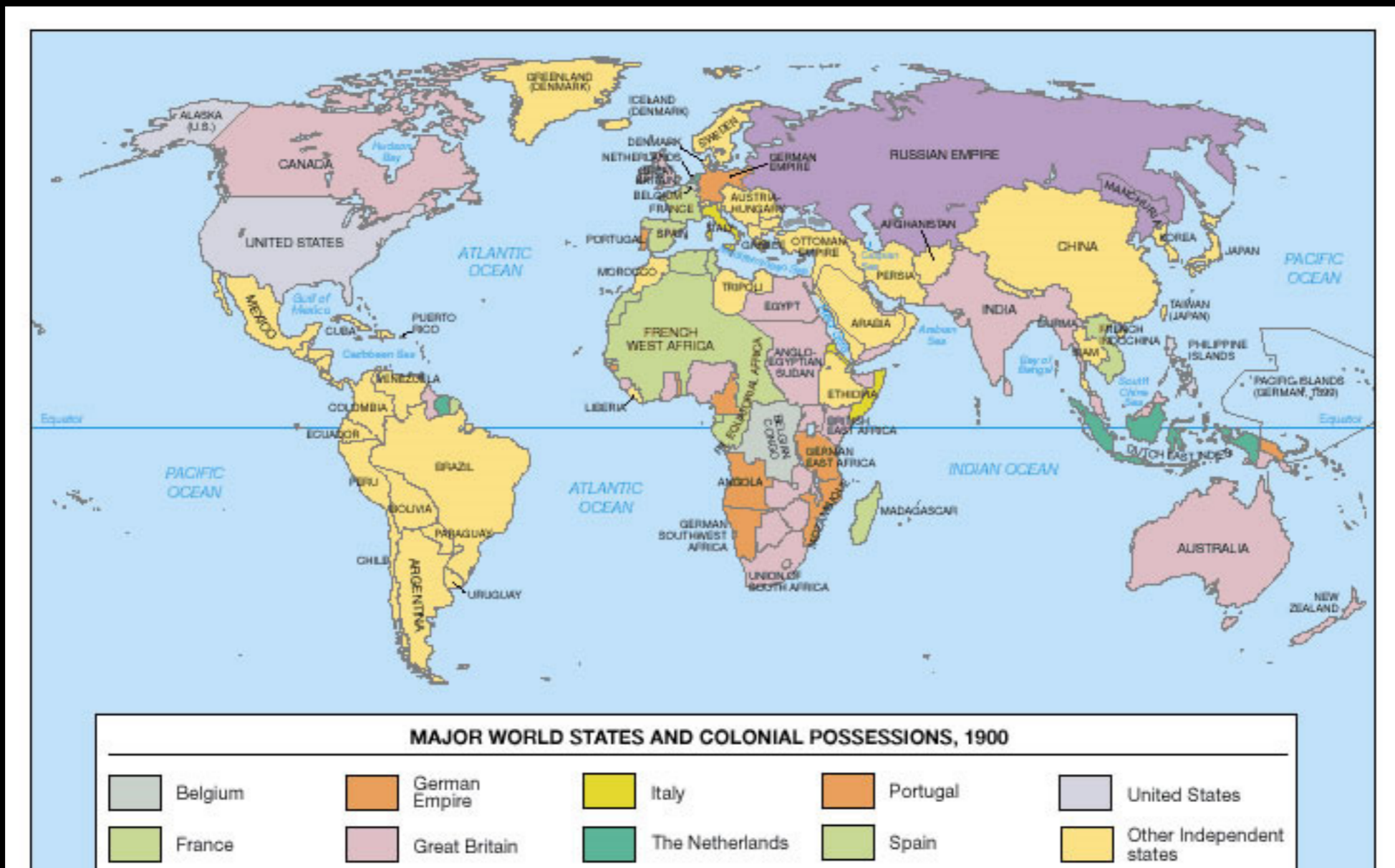
- Russians in the late 1700s
- 1824, British whalers attack
 - Mito and Satsuma
- 1825, Aizawa Seishisai (Mito) writes *New Theses*
 - *Sonnō jōi* (Revere the emperor, expel the barbarians!)
- Bakufu enforces seclusion, 1825-1842



A World of Empires

- Tokugawa troubles coincide with the “Age of High Imperialism” in the West
- 1858, India becomes Britain’s formal colony

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First Opium War

- Tea vs. opium
- 1839-1842: ends in Chinese defeat
- 1842: Treaty of Nanking
 - treaty port system
 - loss of tariff autonomy
 - extraterritoriality
 - most favored nation clause
- Model for future “unequal treaties”



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Matthew C. Perry: 1853, 1854



Bakufu Response



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#13 Iesada, “Potato Shōgun”
(r. 1853-58)



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Abe Masahiro
(Head Councilor)

Bakufu Decision-making

- Ieyasu/Hidetada (#2): inner circle
- Iemitsu (#3): formal system of senior councillors (*rōjū*) and junior councillors (*wakadoshiyori*)
- Both dominated by *fudai* daimyo
- Group decision led by “Head Councillor”

Head Councillors

- Abe Masahiro (1843-55)
 - Need to respond to calls for *jōi* (“Expel the barbarians!”)
 - Fear of West
- Catastrophic decision: ask for everyone’s opinion
 - Signs Convention of Kanagawa (1854) without consensus



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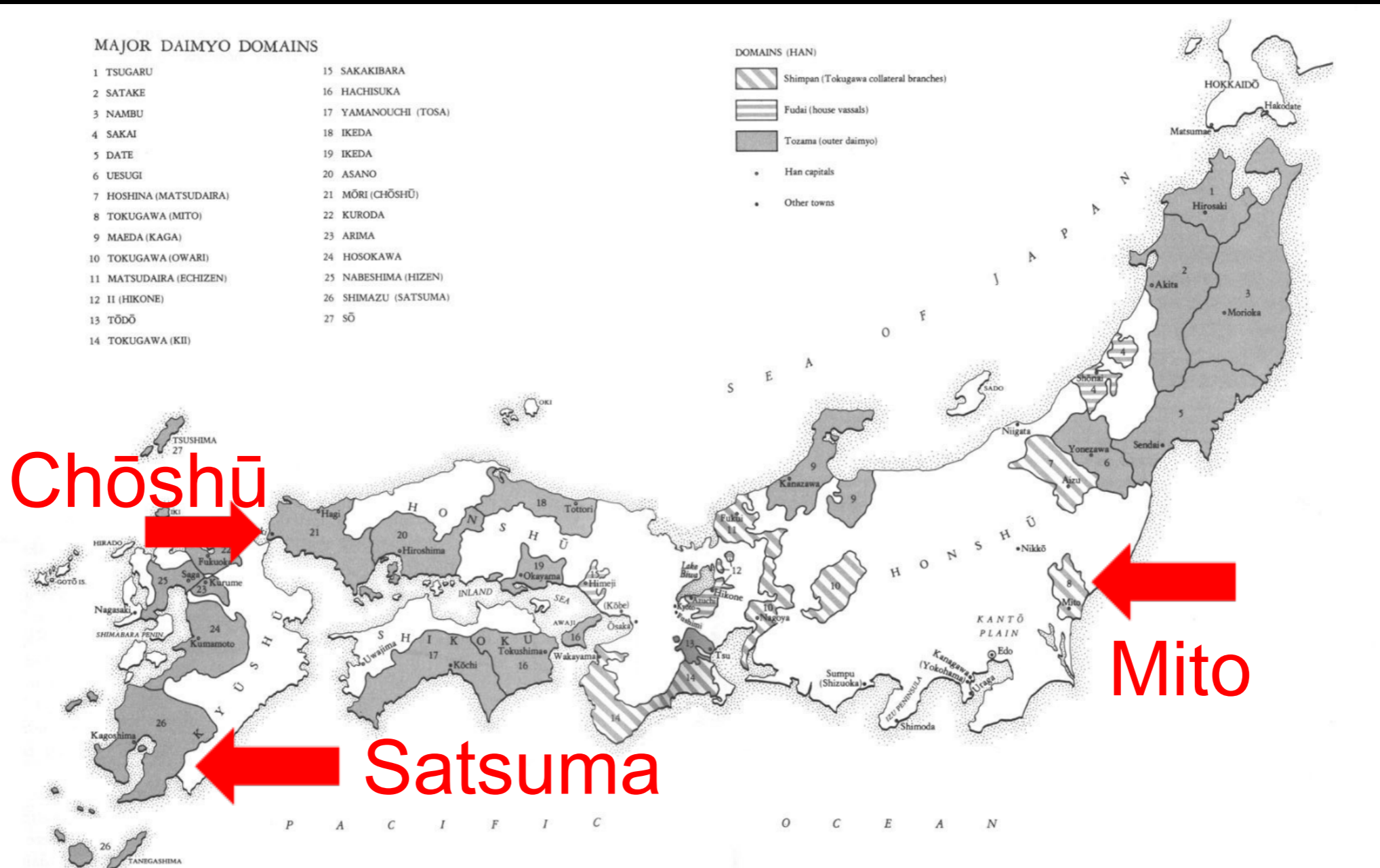
Convention of Kanagawa

- March 31
 - Open Shimoda and Hakodate
 - End of Seclusion
- 1858: Treaty of Amity and Commerce
 - “Harris Treaty”
 - Similar to Treaty of Nanking

Domainal Reforms

- A more dynamic response
- Mito, Satsuma, Chōshū, etc.

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Ii vs. Tokugawa Nariaki

- Daimyo #9 of the *shinpan* domain (1800-1860)
- Reformer and advocate of *sonnō-jōi* : "Revere the Emperor! Expel the Barbarians!"
- Tokugawa succession dispute:
 - Iemochi (#14) vs Yoshinobu (Nariaki's son)
 - Ansei Purge, 1858-60: e.g. Yoshida Shōin (Chōshū)



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Endings and Beginnings

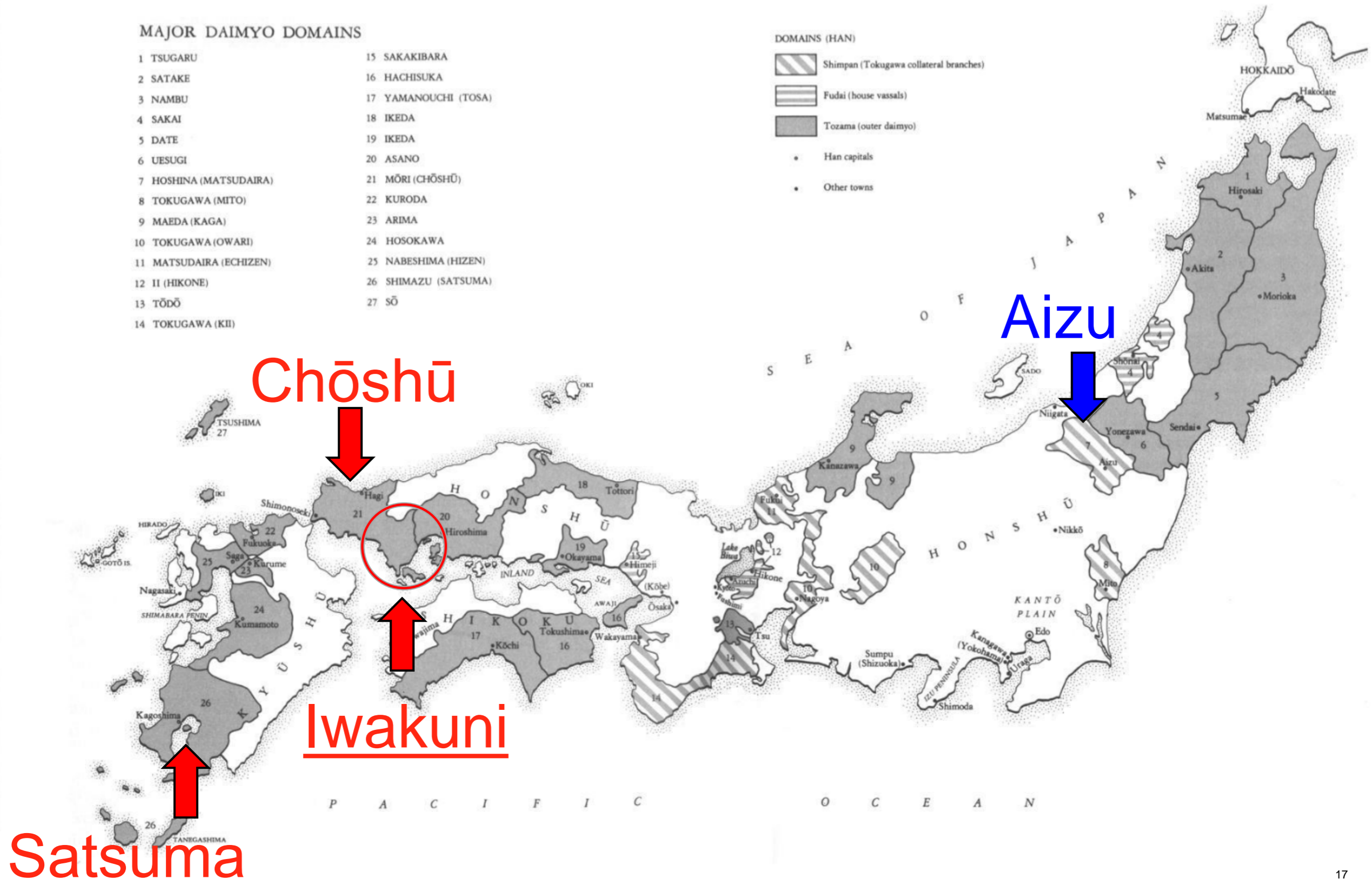
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Tokugawa Comeback?

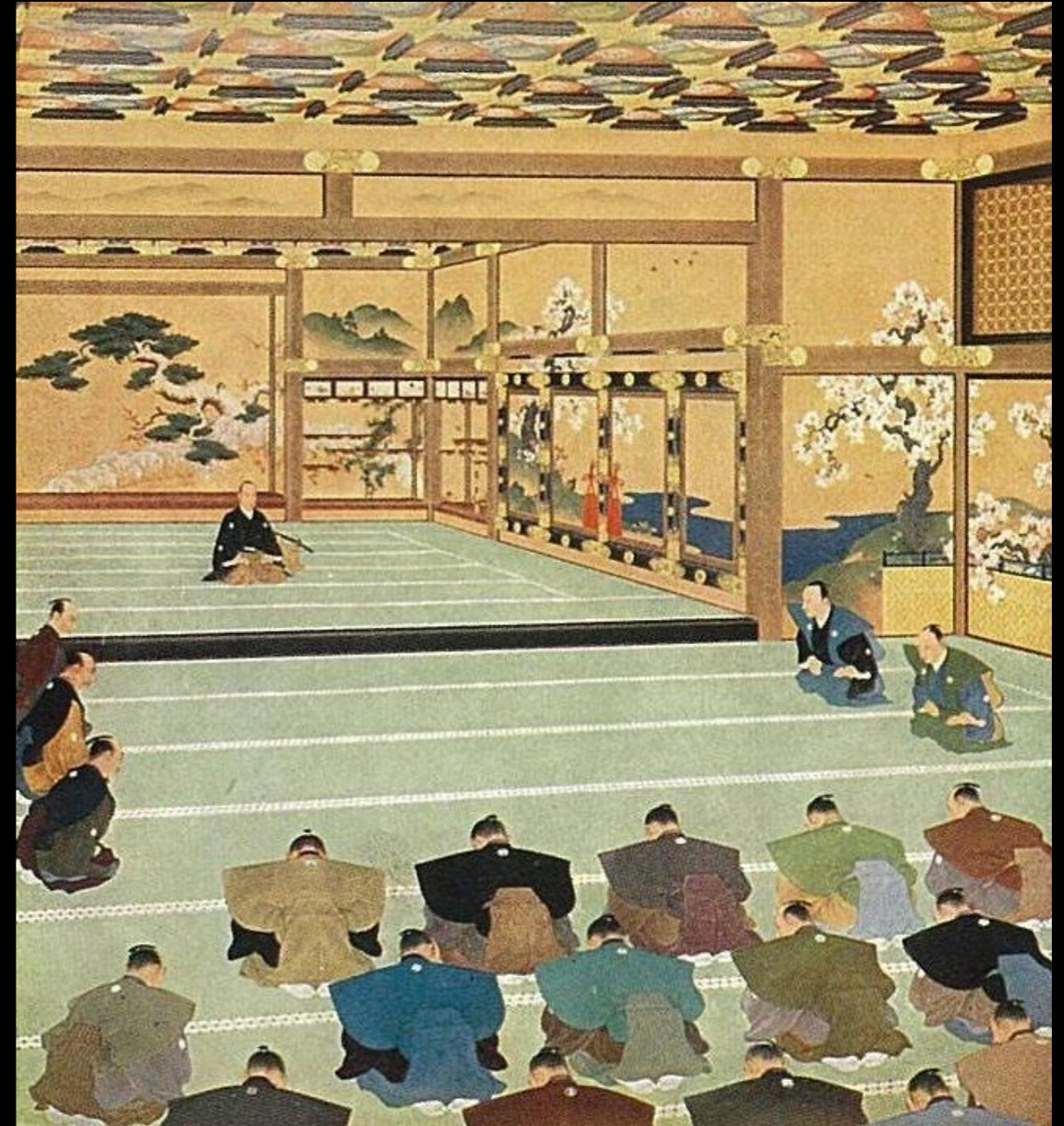
- Fall 1863, Chōshū driven from Kyoto
 - Satsuma-Aizu alliance
- Fall 1864, First Chōshū Expedition
- 1864~65: bakufu reinvigorated
 - Alternate attendance reinstated
 - Aizu troops occupy Kyoto
 - Military reforms: Rintarō's navy

Beginning of the End

- 1865: reformist coup in Chōshū
- 1866: Second Chōshū Expedition
 - Tokugawa routed
 - Secret Sat-Chō Alliance
 - Iemochi (#14) dies > Yoshinobu (#15, Keiki)
- January 1867, Emperor Kōmei dies
 - 15yr old Mutsuhito on the throne

Final Maneuvers

- November 9, 1867
 - Yoshinobu returns the “patent of office”



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Final Maneuvers

- January 3, 1868
 - Sat-Chō coup in the name of “Restoration”
 - May 3, 1868 Edo castle handed over by Katsu Kaishū (Rintarō)
 - Era name changed: Meiji (“Enlightened Rule”)








Boshin War

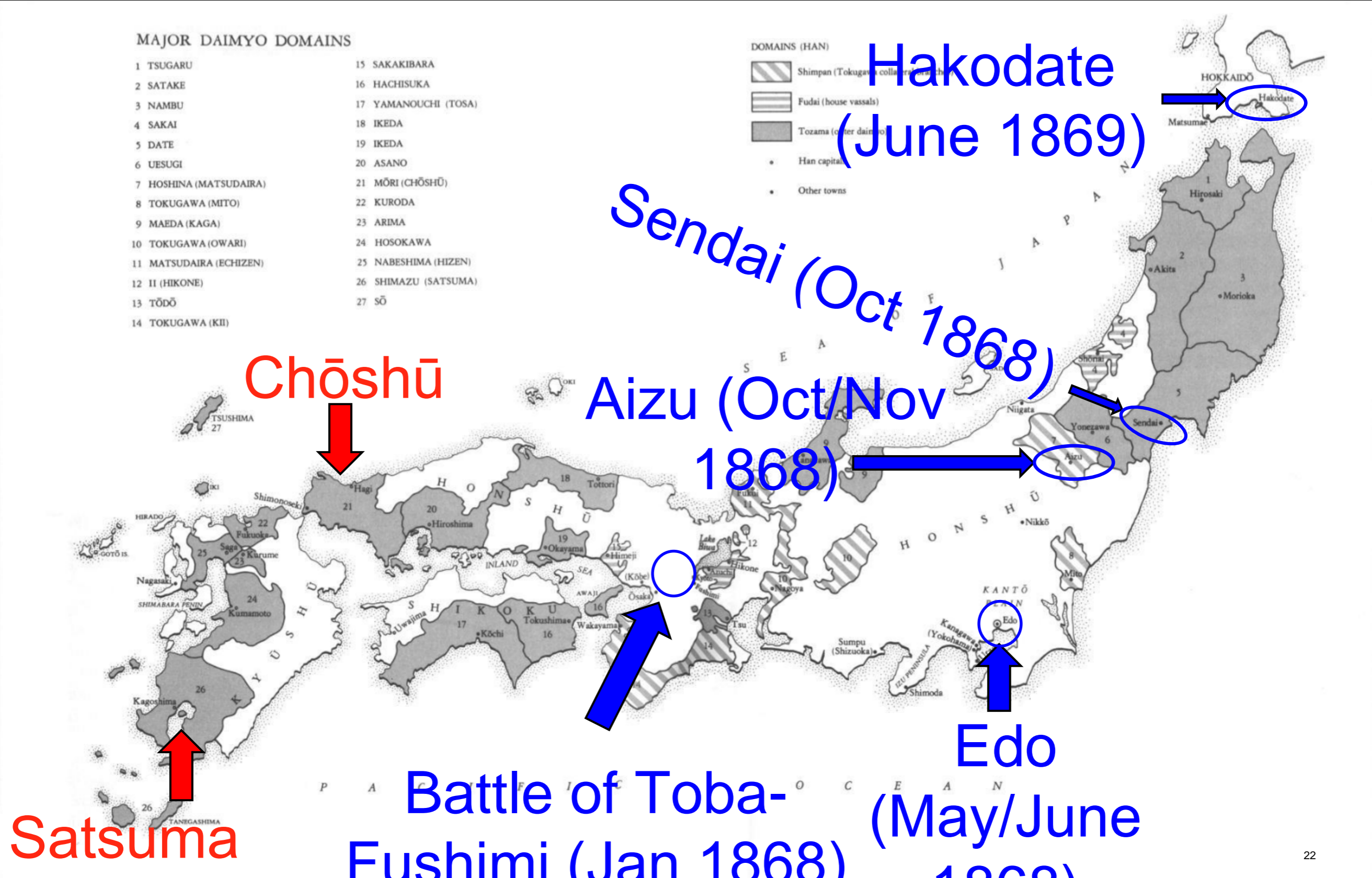
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Hakodate
(June 1869)

Sendai (Oct 1868)

Aizu (Oct/Nov 1868)

Edo
(May/June 1868)

Chōshū

Satsuma

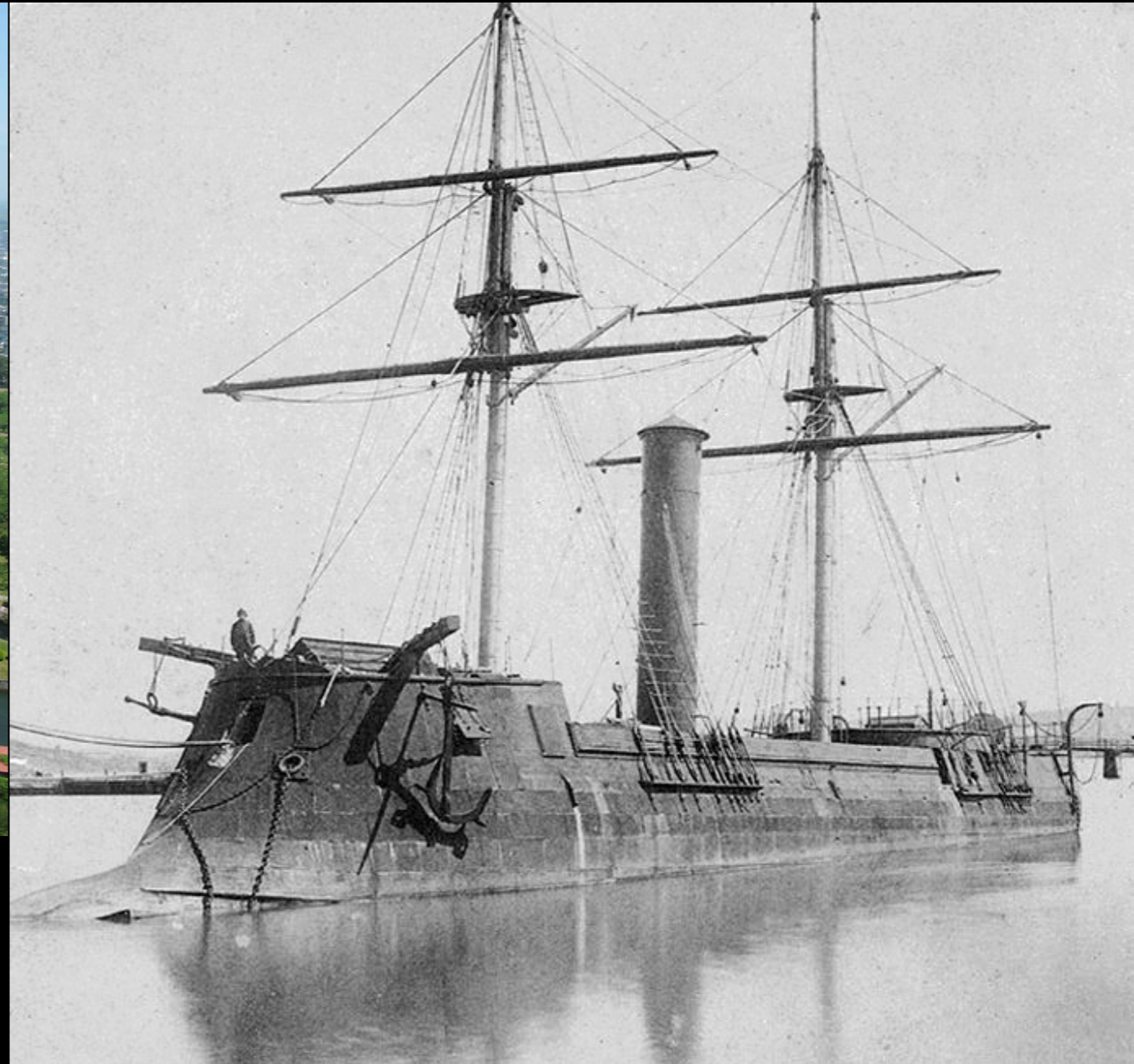
Battle of Toba-Fushimi (Jan 1868)

Battle of Hakodate (Dec. 1868-Jun. 1869; Tokugawa-side led by Enomoto Takeaki)



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Goryōkaku star fort



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CSS Stonewall >
Kōtetsu (“ironclad”)

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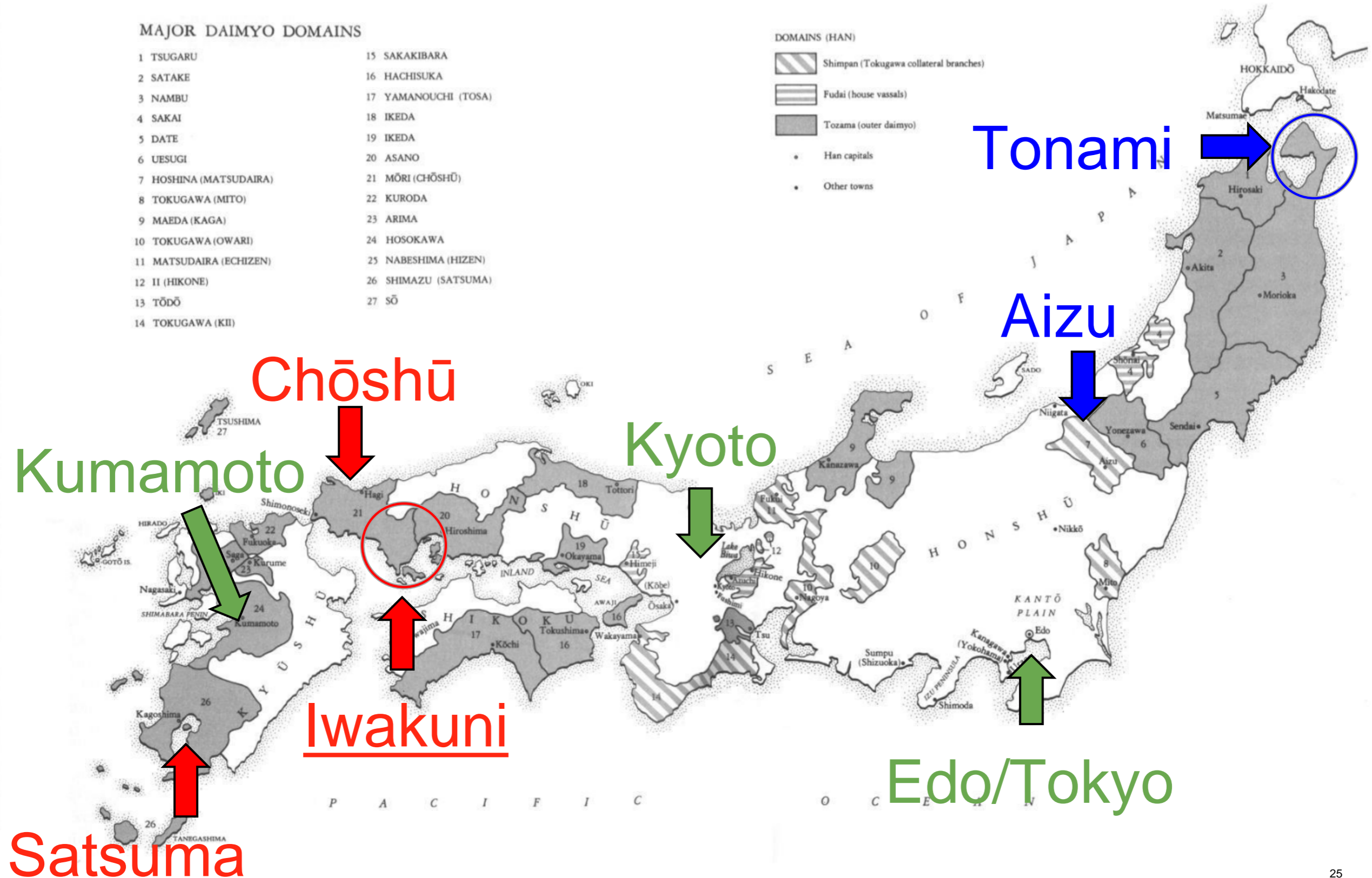
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Shiba Gorō Timeline

- Childhood: b. 1859~1865 (“Preface,” “Childhood”)
- Fall of Aizu: 1867~1868/9 (“Beginning of Tragedy,” “A Fight to the Death,” “A Sea of Fire,” “A Night of Despair,” “Last Days of the Bakufu”)
- Exile: 1868/9~1871/12 (“A Time of Trial for the Family,” “Detention Camp in Edo,” “Journey to Hell,” “A fight against Famine”)
- Transformation: 1871/12~October 1877 (“A Ray of Hope in the Wilderness,” “Tokyo: The Old and the New,” “The Happiest Day of My Life,” “Military School,” “The Satsuma Rebellion,” “End of the Satsuma Rebellion”)

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