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The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - AMAKO CLAN



The Amako are a family of diamyō descended from the Sasaki clan starting in the 14th century. The current lord is Amako Haruhisa.

The clan controls the following provinces:

IZUMO: 5 points of rice tax

OKI: 1 point of rice tax and 1 point of cash in fishing tax

Recent History

In 1536, the lord invaded the lands of Ouchi Yoshitaka when that lord was away on other duties. Haruhisa was repulsed by Sue Takafusa (father of the current Lord Sue Harukata).

The clan then attacked Mori Motonari (who was a retainer of the Amako before joining the Ouchi) in 1541 and was again beaten; and after this Haruhisa was abandoned by his retainers who joined the service of the Ouchi Clan.

Ouchi Yoshitaka has been assassinated by Sue Harukata and the Amako clan has just regained control of its original lands.

Team Players

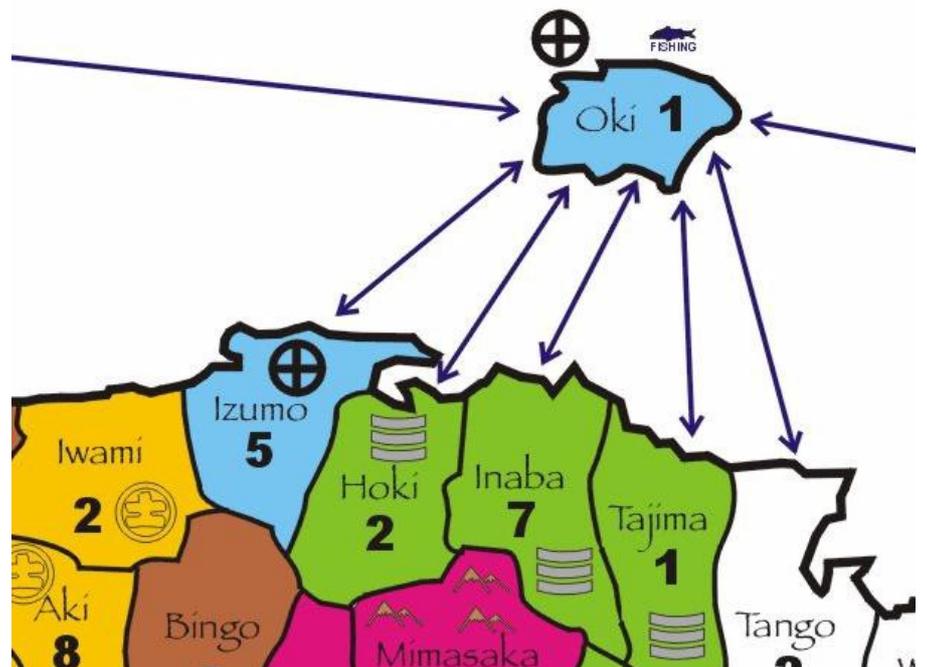
AMAKO HARUHISA
(37) Clan lord.

AMAKO KUNIHISA
(50) Uncle of Haruhisa and Clan general.

AMAKO KATSUHISA
(30) Son of Kunihisa, cousin to Haruhisa.

TAKAHARA SHUNO
(34) A loyal Samurai

OMURA SENKICHI (63)
A loyal samurai from Oki





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Personal Briefing : DAIMYO AMAKO HARUHISA



After many years of reverses and failure, you are very concerned to rebuild the clan fortunes and to settle old scores.

Now, while there is the possibility of some conflict between Sue and Mori - so careful action should produce some results.



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Personal Briefing : GENERAL AMAKO KUNIHISA



You believe that now is the time of greatness for the clan. the Shogun is a snivelling weakling, and the various other Daimyo are disorganised and fight for only local advantage. You could see your Lord as Shogun, if only he will pursue the cause and defeat his enemies.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. encourage and support your Lord in a bid to become Shogun.
- b. To increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- c. To ensure that your clan is the strongest and most respected in Japan.
- d. To never, never, stand for insults from your inferiors (which is just about anyone from another clan).



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Personal Briefing : **AMAKO KATSUHISA**



You are a great traditionalist. You believe in the absolute power of your Lord, have total loyalty to him, and through him to the Emperor (may he live for 1000 years).

Honour is not just the most important thing, it is the *only* thing.

You avoid the dishonourable, do the honourable, and be ready to die at all times.

Your personal objectives are:

- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.



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Personal Briefing : TAKAJARA SHUNO



You know that now is a time of great danger to the clan.

The lack of strong central control from the Shogun has meant that powerful and aggressive Daimyo are constantly fighting amongst themselves, often to extinction.

You do not want this to happen to your clan - the destruction of your clan by one or more of these rapacious warlords would not only be a bitter thing, but would disgrace the names of your ancestors. You do not wish this.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To encourage your Lord to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in the clan also - but obviously this should not be at the expense of the greater good of the clan itself.



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Personal Briefing : OMURA SENKICHI



Times are hard for the samurai class, and this clan in particular.

Merchants and peasants seem to grow fat while the honest warrior risks his life defending them and their homes in the many wars.

The common folk do not understand the privations of the warrior - they think that because you have a mansion and servants and horses and followers that you are a rich man - but what are riches?

Only fleeting things that pass only too quickly (especially when you have a mansion, servants, horses etc. to maintain).

You feel that the commoners are getting rich on these wars, and that you should join in on this general atmosphere of wealth creation. Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that you clan becomes and remains very wealthy.
- b. To ensure that you personally become very wealthy.
- c. That samurai from other clans become poorer (preferably in meeting objective b. above).