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The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - MASUDA CLAN



The Masuda clan have no great traditional background. In fact they are more often described as a group of adventurers who have seized power in Kii province, and are taking every opportunity to expand their influence.

All of this has been brought about by their lord, Masuda Nagamori, who is young and very ambitious but who has no great ancestry or ranks or honours.

Currently the clan controls the following provinces:

KII	13 rice
YAMATO	2 rice

total	15 rice

Background

The Masuda clan have recently taken control in Yamato province by a combination of diplomacy and force. It remains to be seen whether they can establish themselves more permanently.

Team Players

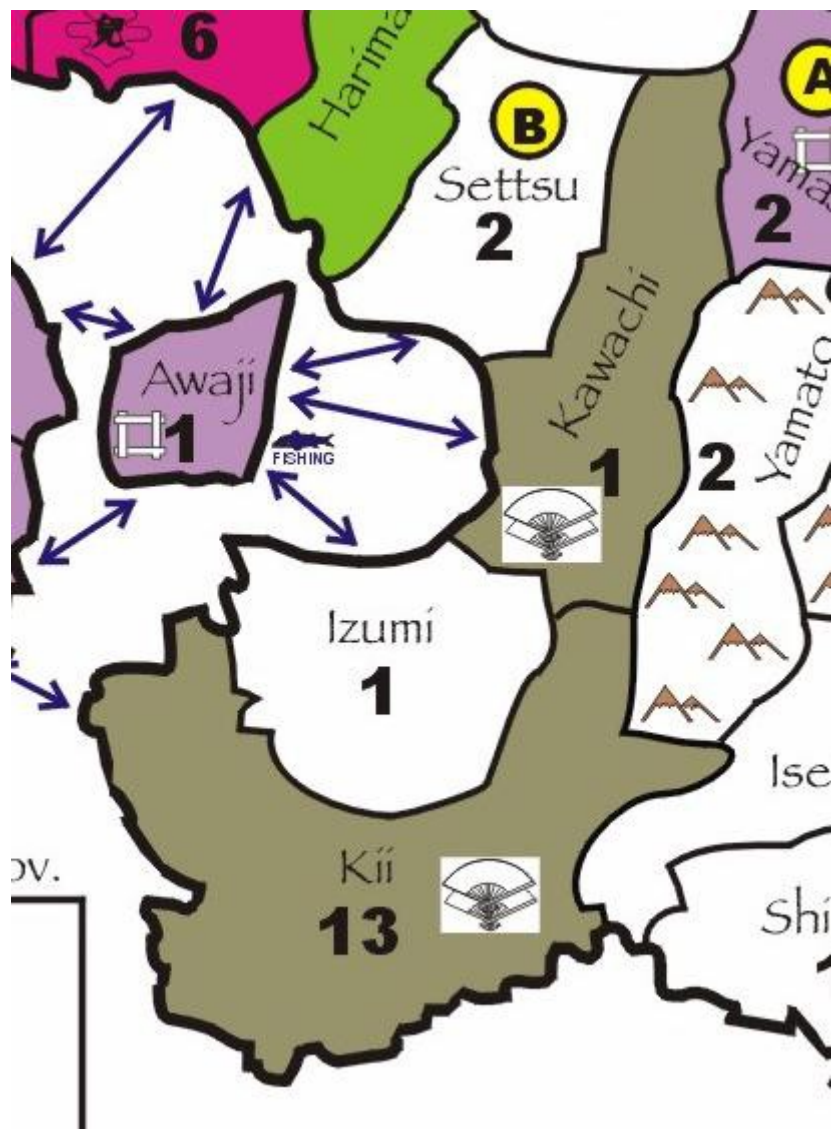
MASUDA NAGAMORI (26) Clan leader

KONO JUKKUJI (33) Clan Chamberlain and Buddhist monk.

AKIYOSHI ATARI (25) Vassal to Nagamori and Clan General.

MASAKATSU WAKASA (35) Close friend and vassal to Nagamori.

TANI AKIRA (32) a loyal samurai





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Personal Briefing : DIAMYO MASUDA NAGAMORI



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 yourself as Shogun, if only you can defeat your enemies.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. Become Shogun.
- b. Gain ranks and honours, so that other Lords do not look down on you.
- c. increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- d. ensure that your clan becomes the strongest and most respected in Japan.



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Personal Briefing : CHAMBERLAIN KONO KUKKUJI



Despite what is said about the hard and sombre life of the samurai, you have always fought hard and played hard. You feel that it is up to the samurai class to outshine the old and decadent nobility in terms of patronage of the arts, plays and buildings, so that the legacy of the samurai

will last for thousands of years - and you will have a good time in the here and now also.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that your clan becomes famed for its lavish patronage of the arts, if not the most famous clan in the land.
- b. to make sure that you yourself patronise the arts to the greatest possible extent.
- c. To improve your personal standing within the clan.



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Personal Briefing : GENERAL AKIYOSHI ATARI



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 : **MASAKATSU WAKASA**



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 your 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).
- d. Support your old friend MASUDA NAGAMORI in all things.



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Personal Briefing : TANI AKIRA



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.