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The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - OTOMO CLAN

The clan leader is Otomo Yoshishige (age 21).
The Otomo family has ruled in Bungo province for 10 generations.

The clan controls the following provinces:

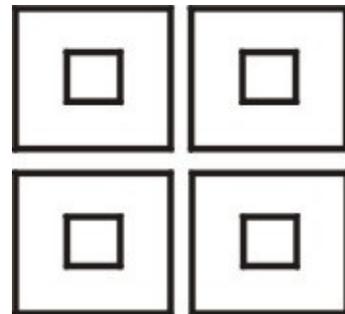
CHIKUGO 7 rice points

BUNGO 5 rice points

HIGO 12 rice points

BUZEN 5 rice points

TOTAL 29 points all in rice tax.



Recent History

Yoshishige has just become lord after the assassination of his father, Yoshinori by a retainer Tsukuni Mimasaka. This was because the old lord was about to hand over control of the clan to one of his bastard sons in preference to his natural heir Yoshishige.

Yoshishige's father conducted a long term feud with Hoshino Chikatada, the ruler of Chikuzen, which is still unresolved.

Southern Barbarians from across the seas visited your father and have been made welcome. In addition to examples of the latest models of the new firearms, they bring their strange religion -"Christianity" which has much that is good in it. The senior members of the clan have been very impressed by these people, especially their leader, Xavier, who is the clan's guest at the moment.

Player Team

OTOMO YOSHISHIGE (21) -
Clan leader

TSUKUNI MIMASAKA (39)
- Loyal retainer and Clan General.

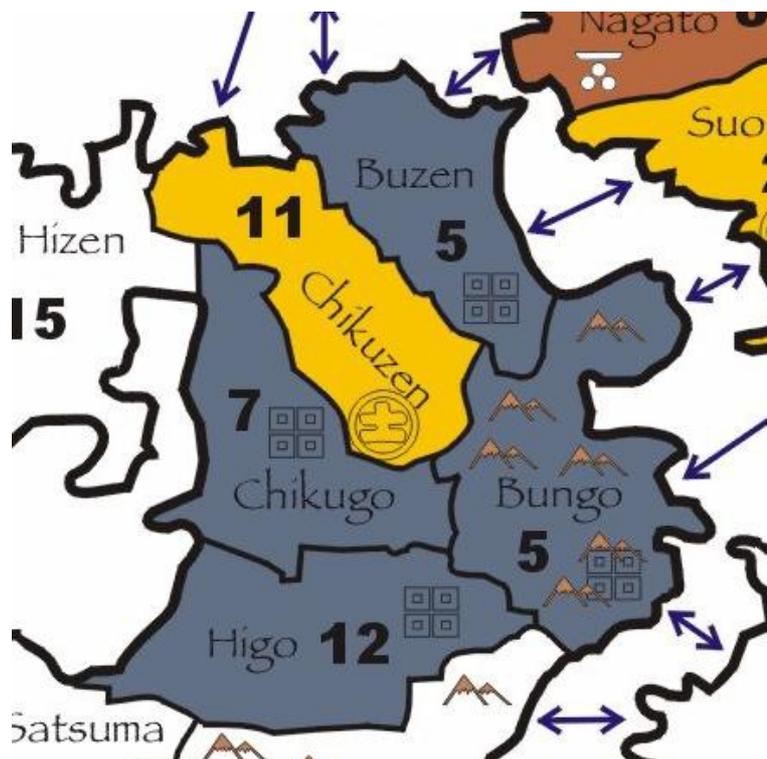
AKIYORI YOSHANO (40) -
Clan Chamberlain

OTOMO KENUOKO (53) -
Uncle of the leader and loyal retainer.

UEDA KICHIJIRO (26) - Loyal clan samurai.

Dynastic Information

Yoshishige has a young daughter (age 10) and no sons.





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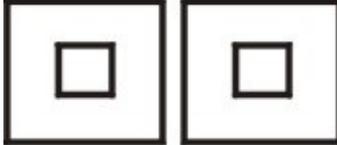
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Personal Briefing : Daimyo Otomo Yoshishige



You need to consolidate your control over the clan for now.

Local enemies have to be either defeated or otherwise neutralised.



You wish to avoid long term or long range entanglements if you can and make sure that the Otomo clan continues its long

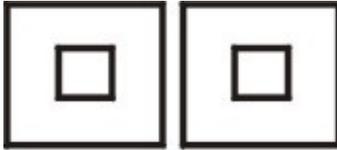
tradition of control in this part of Japan.



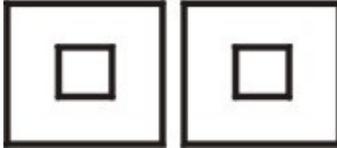
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Personal Briefing : GENERAL TSUKUNI MIMASAKA



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:

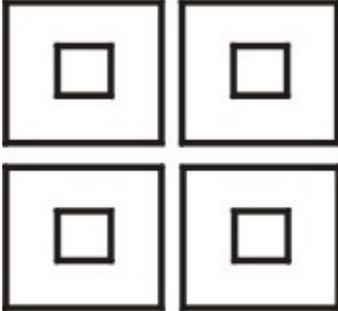
- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.



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Personal Briefing : CHAMBERLAIN AKIYORI YOSHANO



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:

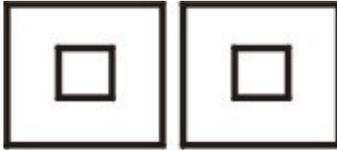
- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To encourage your Lord to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in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



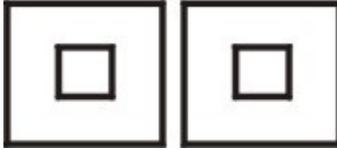
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Personal Briefing : Otomo Kenuoku



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:

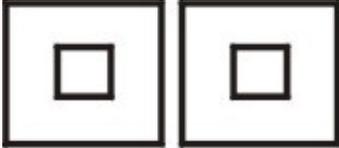
- a. To ensure that you clan becomes and remains very wealthy.
- b. To ensure that you personally become very wealthy.
- c. That samurai from other clans become poorer (preferably in meeting objective b. above).



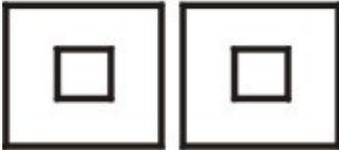
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Personal Briefing : Ueda Kichijiro



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.