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The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - UESUGI CLAN

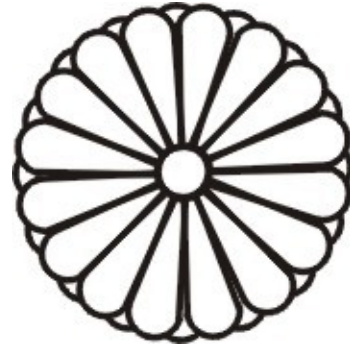
Uesugi Kenshin is the new leader of the Uesugi Clan, an ancient diamyō family. He is the 3rd son of Nagao Tamekage, a minor vassal of the Uesugi Clan.

The clan controls the following provinces:

ECHIGO (Home province) 9 points

SHIMINOTSUKE 4 points

total 13 points rice tax.



Recent History

Although from a reputable samurai family, Kenshin spent his early years as a wandering monk on the advice of his family.

On these travels he met one Usami Sadayuki who advised him to return to his native province of Echigo, and eight years ago, supported by Sadayuki Kenshin deposed his brother and took control of the province.

Kenshin began his career as a lord by forcing his brother-in-law Nagao Masakage to make peace and submit to him. At the same time Murakami Yoshikiyo was at war with his neighbour Takeda Harunobu - and was losing. Yoshikiyo called on Kenshin for help which was provided - thus bringing Kenshin into conflict with the Takeda Clan.

Last year the Lord Uesugi Norimasa was defeated by Hojo Ujijasu and lost control of Kozuke province. He sought Kenshin's protection (as one of his vassals) - which was given on condition that he adopted Kenshin as his heir and gave him the Uesugi family name. As the de-facto leader of the clan Kenshin now has to live up to these responsibilities and recover the fortunes of the Uesugi Clan.

TEAM PLAYERS

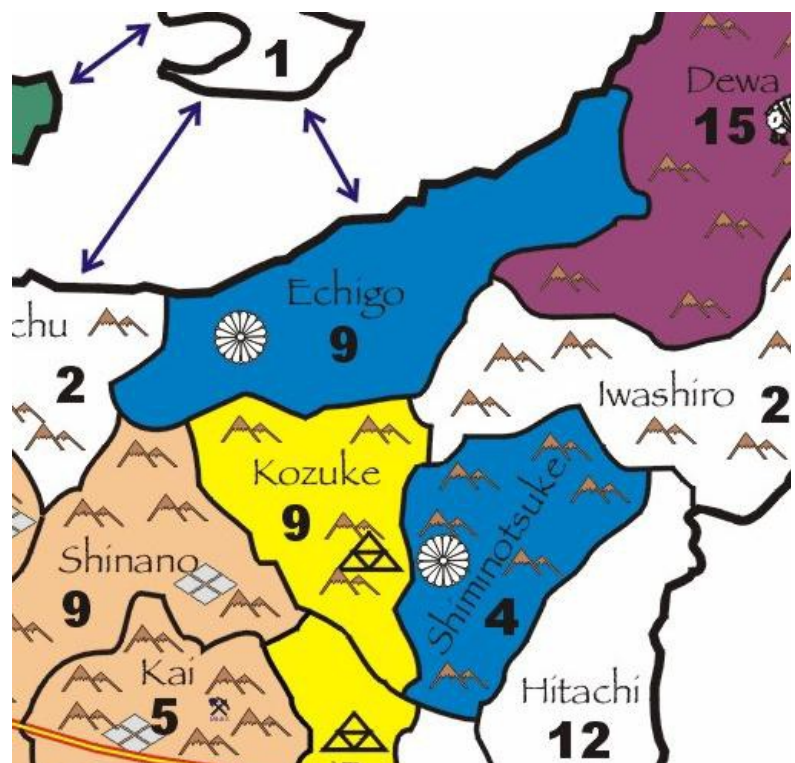
UESUGI KENSHIN (21) - Heir to the clan, but in practice the leader

UESUGI NORIMASA (29) - lord of the clan in name, but owes allegiance to and is subordinate to KENSHIN

UTSUNOMIYA HIROTSUNA (20) - vassal of KENSHIN and acting as his Chamberlain.

MINOKI HATAMA (33) - Clan general (Taisho).

OGAWA TORANASUKE (46) - Loyal clan supporter of Kenshin

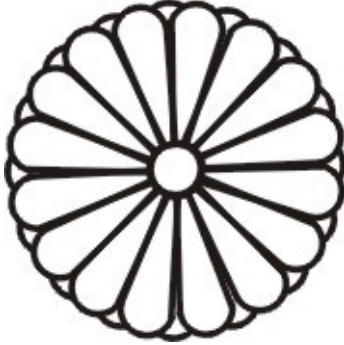




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Personal Briefing : Lord Uesugi Kenshin



You have a difficult task, in that you must improve the fortunes of the Uesugi Clan, in particular you see both the Hojo and the Takeda as serious rivals who must be shown the error of their ways.

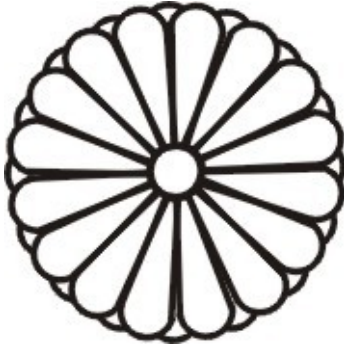
This must, of course, be done with subtlety, so that you do not fight both enemies at once.



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Personal Briefing : 'Daimyo' Uesugi Norimasa



As a lord displaced in fairly friendly circumstances, you are keen to see the new lord do well, and hopefully recover some of the losses made when you were in charge.

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:

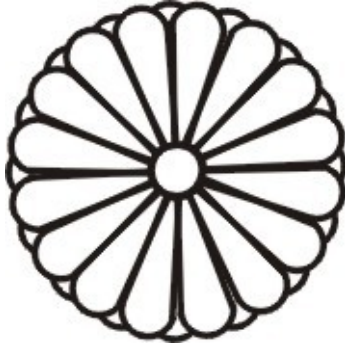
- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To encourage your Lord to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in 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 : Chamberlain Utsunomiya Hirotsuna



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 are ready to die at all times.

Your personal objectives are:

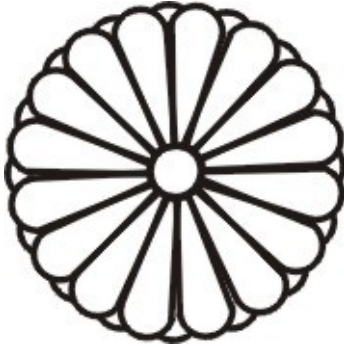
- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.



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Personal Briefing : General Minoki Hatama



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:

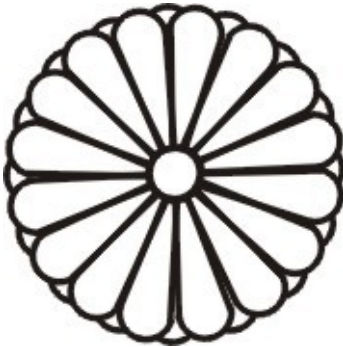
- a. encourage and support your Lord in a bid to become Shogun.
- b. To increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- c. To ensure that your clan is the strongest and most respected in Japan.
- d. To never, never, stand for insults from your inferiors (which is just about anyone from another clan).



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Personal Briefing : Ogawa Toranasuke



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.