

## Lecture 18 The Road to Reunification II

### 0. Intro

- Relationship between power and legitimacy in the governing of the country
- The development of warring states period **daimyo** during 16<sup>th</sup> century

### 1. Overview of the situation and trends in 16th century Japan

- a. The scene: no effective central authority; civil wars
- b. The spectators: the emperor and the imperial court  
the Ashikaga shogun  
most commoners
- c. The actors: **samurai** (“one who serves”),  
**daimyō** (“big name” = domainal lord)

### 2. Order out of chaos: The Three Great Unifiers

- a. **Oda Nobunaga** (1534–1582): “He pounded the rice cake.”
  - Consolidation of local power base around Owari province
  - Enters Kyoto, 1568
  - Burns Enryakuji, 1571
  - Battle of Nagashino, 1575 (defeats Takeda Shingen)
  - Ambushed by Akechi Mitsuhide in 1582
- b. **Toyotomi Hideyoshi** (1536–1598): “He baked the rice cake.”
  - Avenges Nobunaga
  - Castle reduction policy, 1583-
  - Comprehensive land survey and maps, 1583-1598
  - Sword Hunt Edict of 1588
  - Acquires imperial mandates and high court titles (but not shogun)
  - Failed invasions of Korea/China, 1590s; dies 1598
- c. **Tokugawa Ieyasu** (1546–1616) : “He ate the rice cake.”
  - Battle of Sekigahara, October 1600
  - Becomes shogun in 1603
  - Works to secure Tokugawa line of shogun; dies 1616