

## Lecture Outline 21-22 Domestic Crisis & External Threats

### 1. Internal Threats to Domestic Order in the Early 1800s

- a. Growing commercialization of economy and power of merchants
  - Unintended consequences of sankin-kôtai.
  - Problems provisioning Edo
  - Commercialization complicates governing and taxation
  - Theoretical class order undermined
- b. The Tenpô Famine of the 1830s
  - Mostly in northeast, but affected all of Japan
  - Bakufu response inadequate
- c. Increasing peasant riots (*ikki*)
  - Usually for tax and/or rice relief
  - Samurai now become involved
- d. Ôshio Heihachirô's Revolt, 1837
  - In response to growing poverty in Osaka
  - Oshio's summons to revolt; put down but 25% set ablaze
- e. Domainal reforms: Satsuma, Chôshû, and Mito
  - Satsuma
  - Chôshû
  - Mito
    - Role as *sanke* (collateral branch family)
    - Tokugawa Nariaki and Mitogaku (Mito Studies)
    - Rangaku ("Dutch Studies")

### 2. New Challenges in Foreign Affairs, 1790-1840s

- a. Threats from the North: The Russians are Coming!
  - The Laxman Affair, 1792
  - The Rezanov mission, 1804
- b. Threats from the South: The British are Coming!
  - The *Phaeton* Incident, 1808
  - Expanding East India Co. in SE Asia during 1810s; whalers off Kantô
- c. The Expulsion Edict and Aizawa Seishisai's *Shinron*, 1825
- d. News of The Opium War in China, early 1840s
- e. Threats from the East: The Americans are Coming!
  - Commodore Perry's visits, 1853, 1854
  - Townsend Harris and the "Treaty of Peace and Commerce" (1858)