

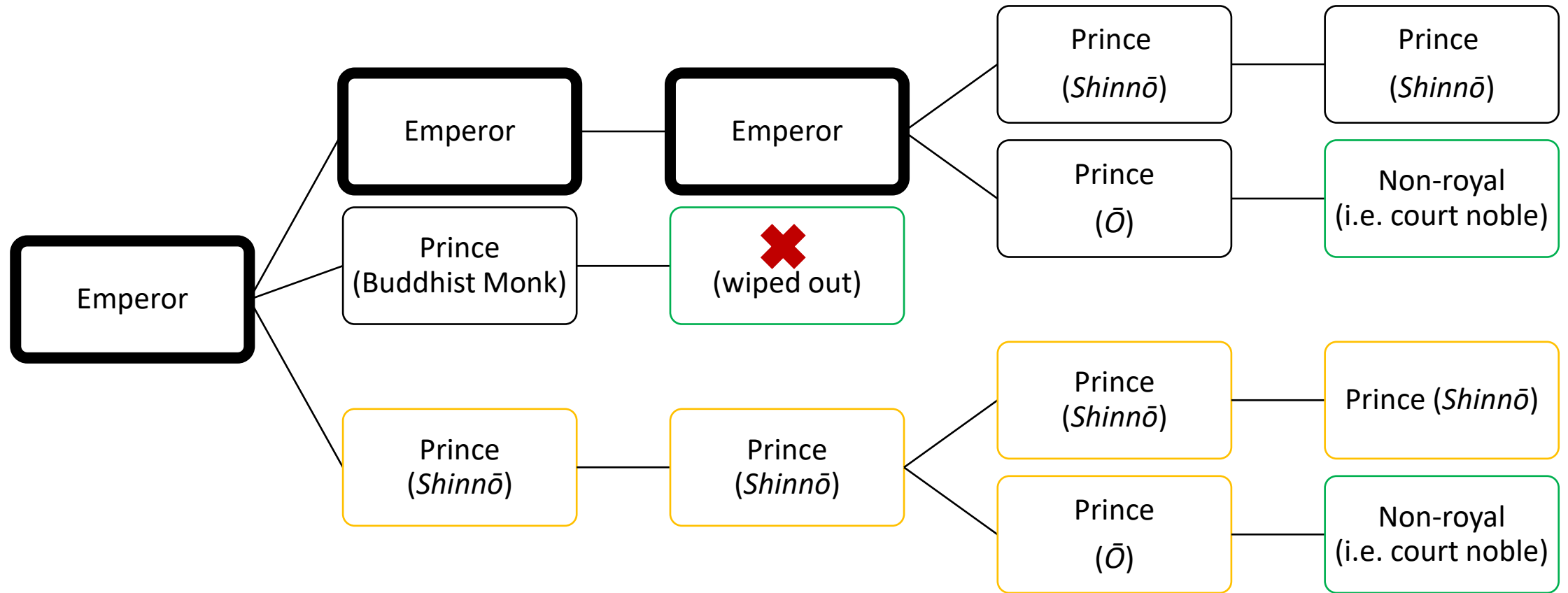
Succession to the Chrysanthemum Throne and Branch Families of the Imperial House in Medieval and Early Modern Japan

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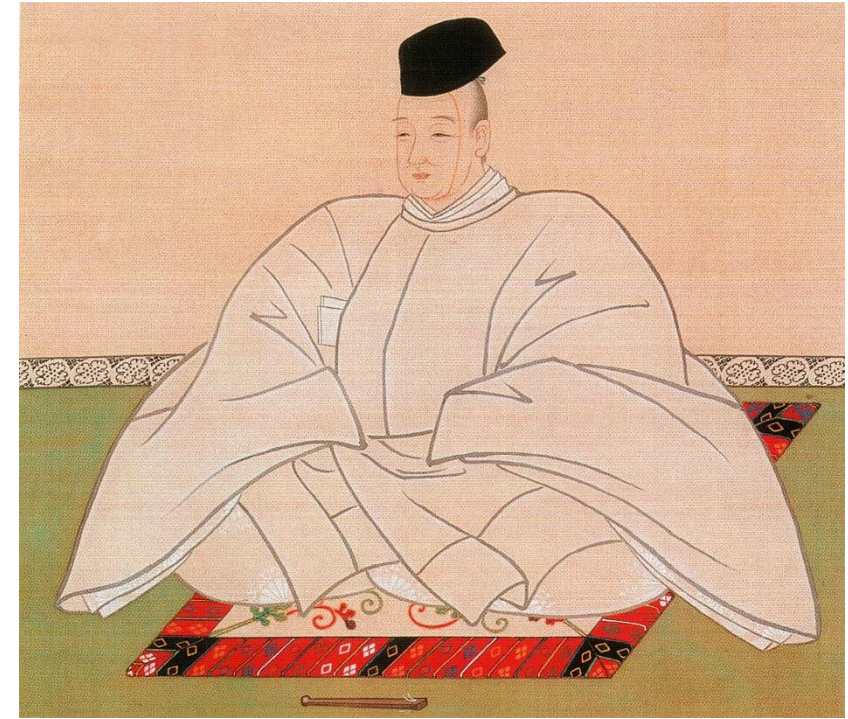
Giving *shinō* title [*shinō senge* 親王宣下] system





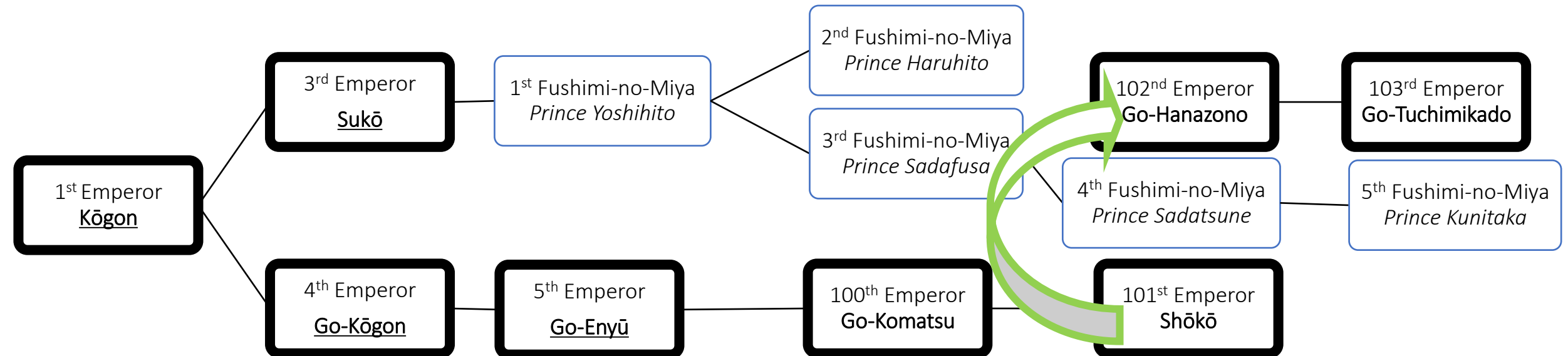
102nd Emperor Go-Hanazono
(1419-1471)

111th Emperor Go-Sai
(1638-1685)



119th Emperor KōKaku
(1771-1840)

Imperial succession from Emperor Shōkō to Emperor Go-Hanazono in 1428



- **Bold persons** are successive emperors
- *Italic persons* are successive heads of each miyake
- Underlined Persons are successive emperors of Northern Dynasty

[14-15c]

Dual Structure of the Japan's Family Concept

uji 氏 (clans) = succession

- Clan name *sei* 姓
- Male-line lineage (in the main family)
=dynastic continuity (in monarchs)
- Ancestral rituals

- Father-line lineage is must
- Abilities are not required

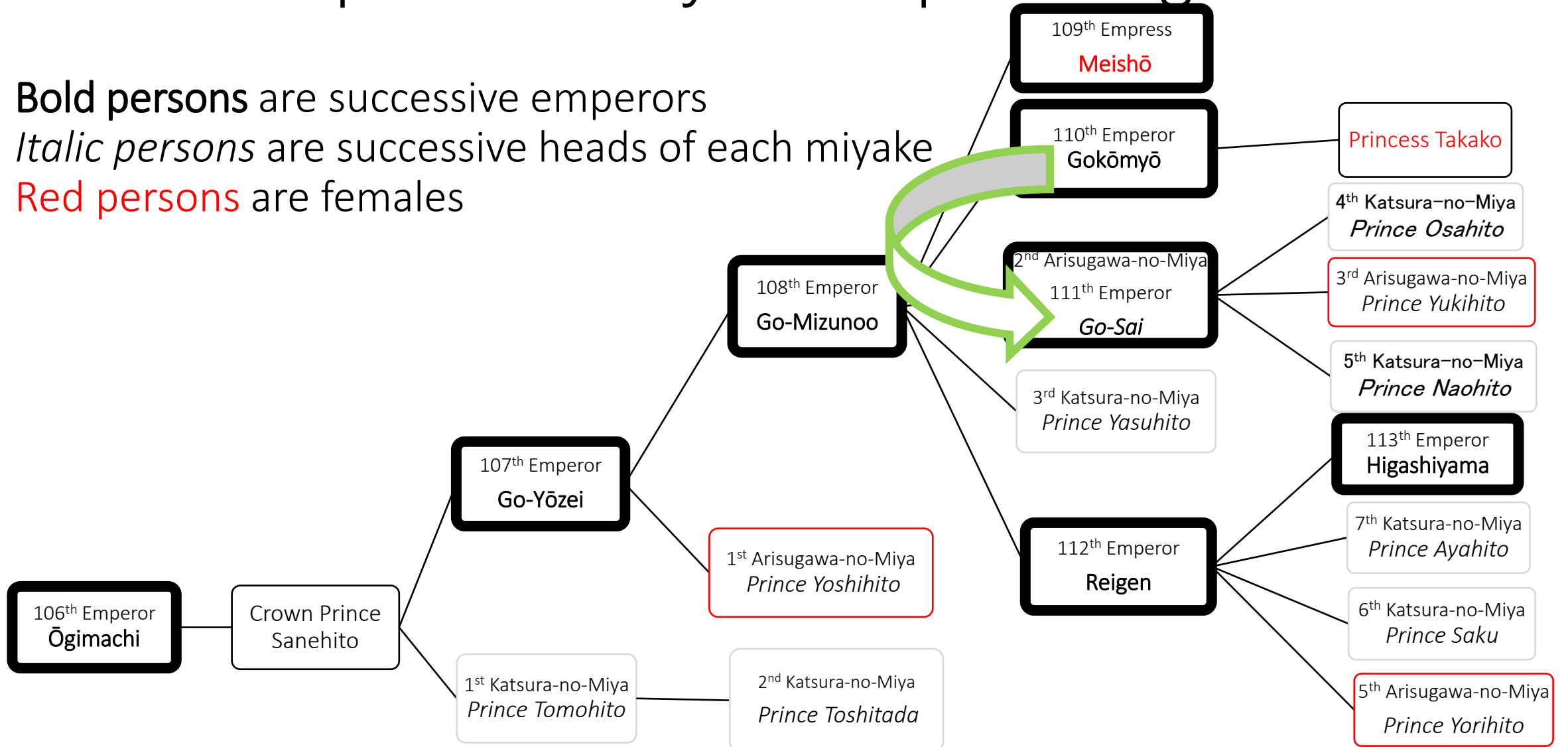
ie 家 (households) = inheritance

- family name *myōji* 苗字 (or *yagō* 屋号)
- Family status (positions, court rank)
- Family jobs
- Properties (money, home, territory, etc)

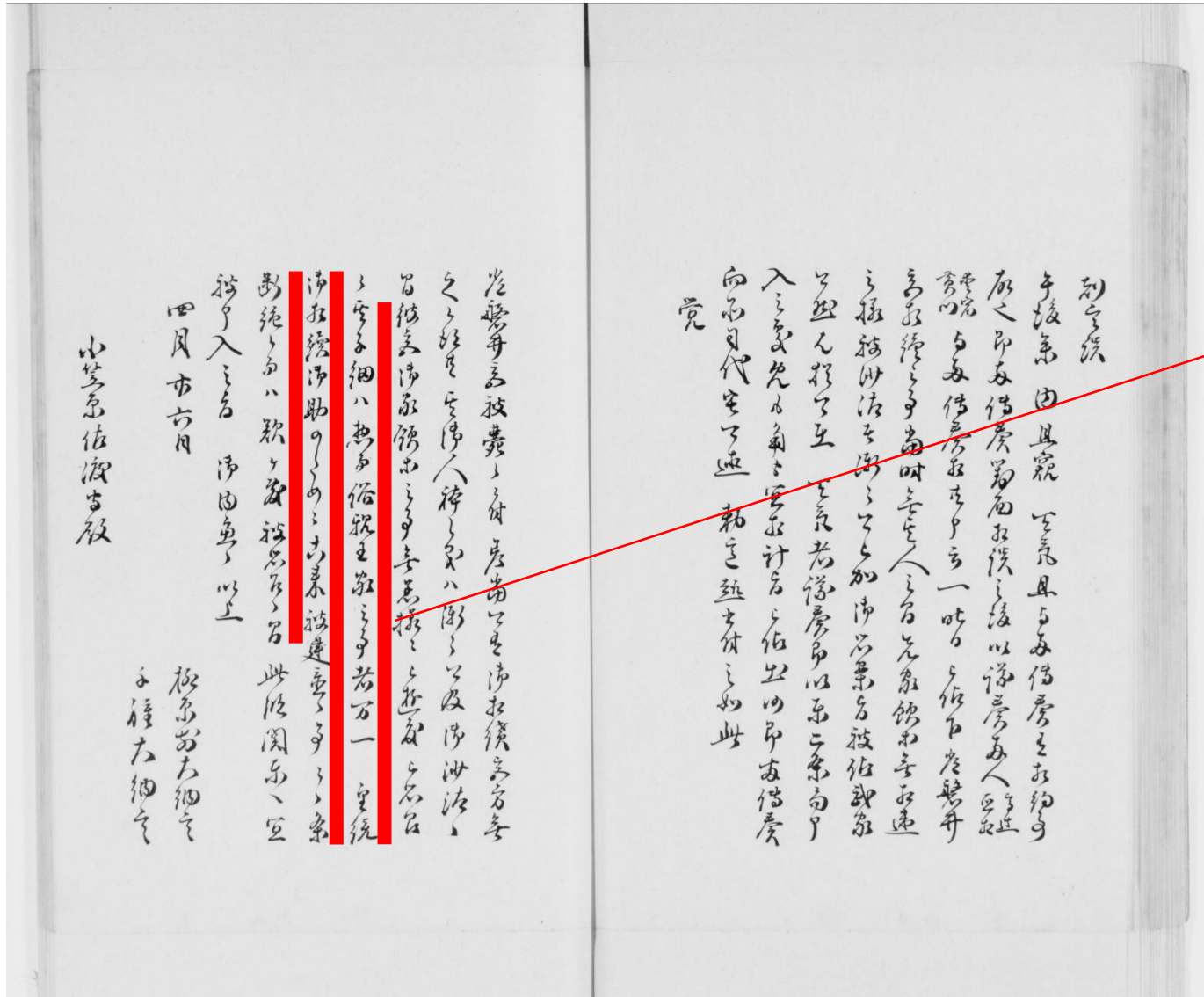
- Male-line, female-line, bilateral descent, adoption, whatever
- Sometimes abilities are important

Imperial succession from Emperor Gokōmyō to Emperor Reigen in 1655

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- **Red persons** are females



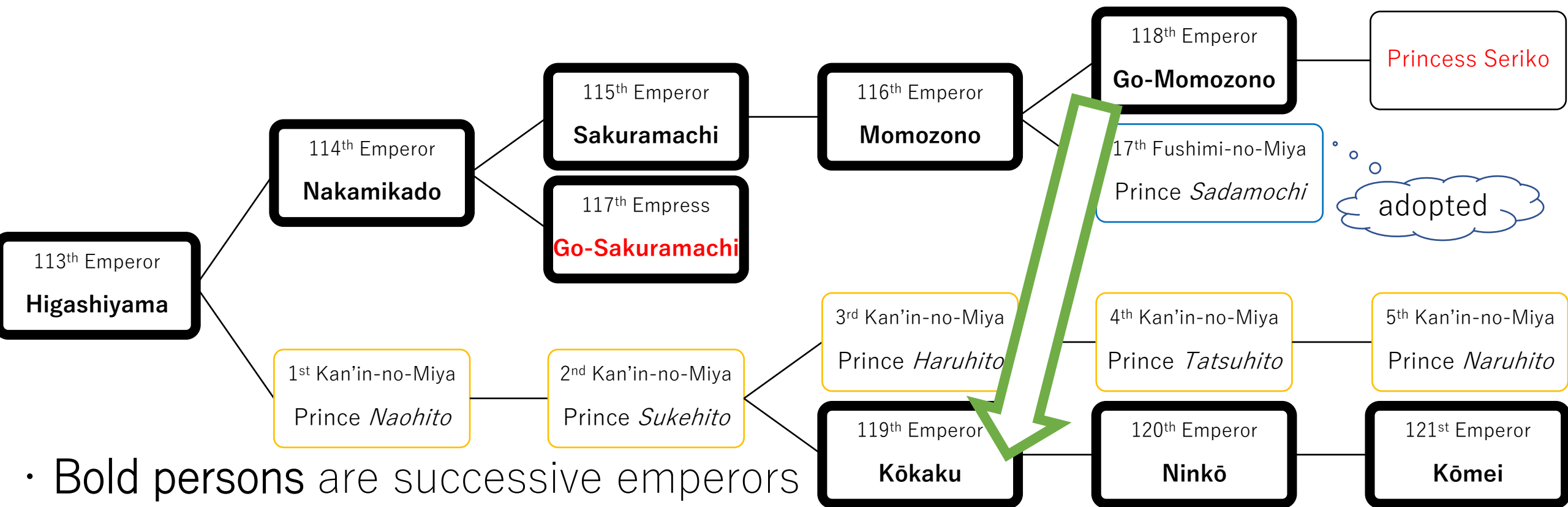
Why were *miyake* important?



其子細ハ、惣而俗親王家之事者、萬一 皇
統御相續のためニ古來被ニ建置一候事ニ
候條、斷絶候而ハ、歎个敷被ニ思召一候間、

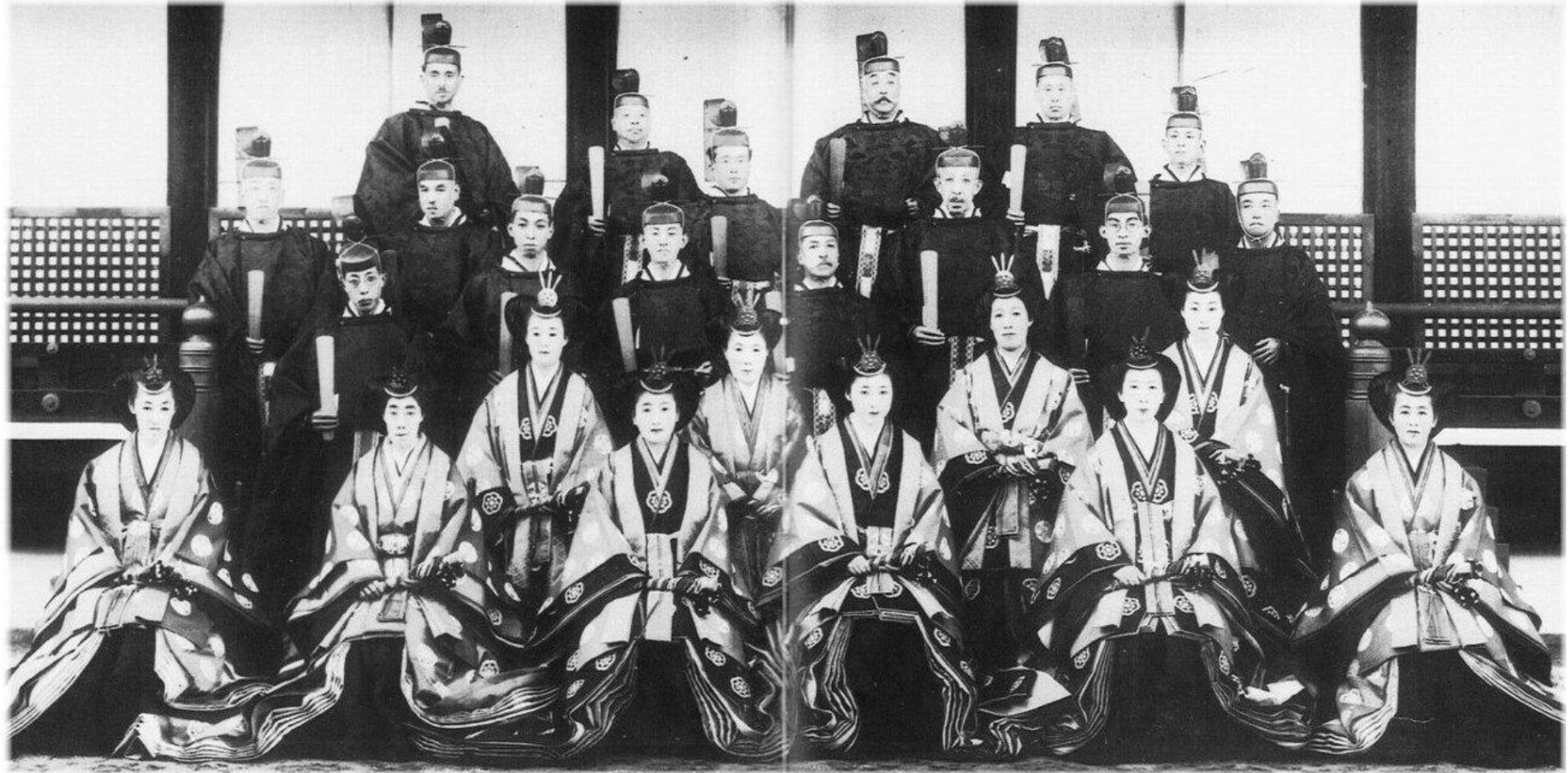
(Since ancient times, *miyake* has been existed to produce a successor to the Chrysanthemum Throne in the event of a contingency in the Imperial-line. H.I.M. the Former Emperor deploras if these are abolished.)

Imperial succession from Emperor Go-Momozono to Emperor Kōkaku in 1780



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[18-19c]

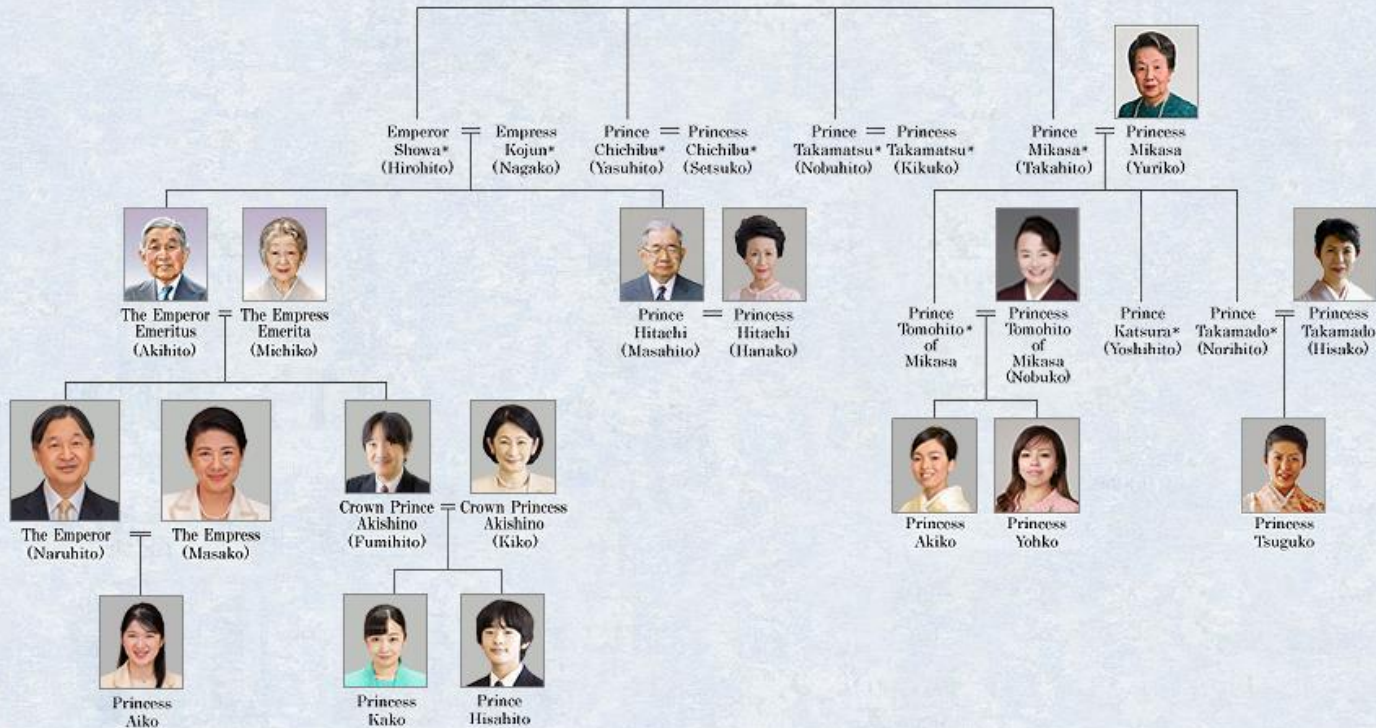


Princes and Princesses who were kicked out from the Imperial Family in 1947

Current issue for the Imperial succession

Genealogy of the Imperial Family

*Deceased.



Line of the Imperial Succession

1. H.I.H. Crown Prince Fumihito of Akishino
皇嗣秋篠宮文仁親王殿下(1965-)
2. H.I.H. Prince Hisahito
悠仁親王殿下 (2006-)
3. H.I.H. Prince Masahito of Hitachi
常陸宮正仁親王殿下 (1935-)

Living Former *Miyake*

- Higashikuni-no-Miya 旧東久邇宮家
- Kuni-no-Miya 旧久邇宮家
- Kaya-no-Miya 旧賀陽家
- Asaka-no-Miya 旧朝香宮家
- Takeda-no-Miya 旧竹田宮家
- Fushimi-no-Miya 旧伏見宮家

17 Members of the Imperial Family

- Princes = 3 (3 *shinnō* 親王, 0 *ō* 王)
- Princesses from the Imperial Family = 5 (2 *naishinnō* 内親王, 3 *joō* 女王)

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