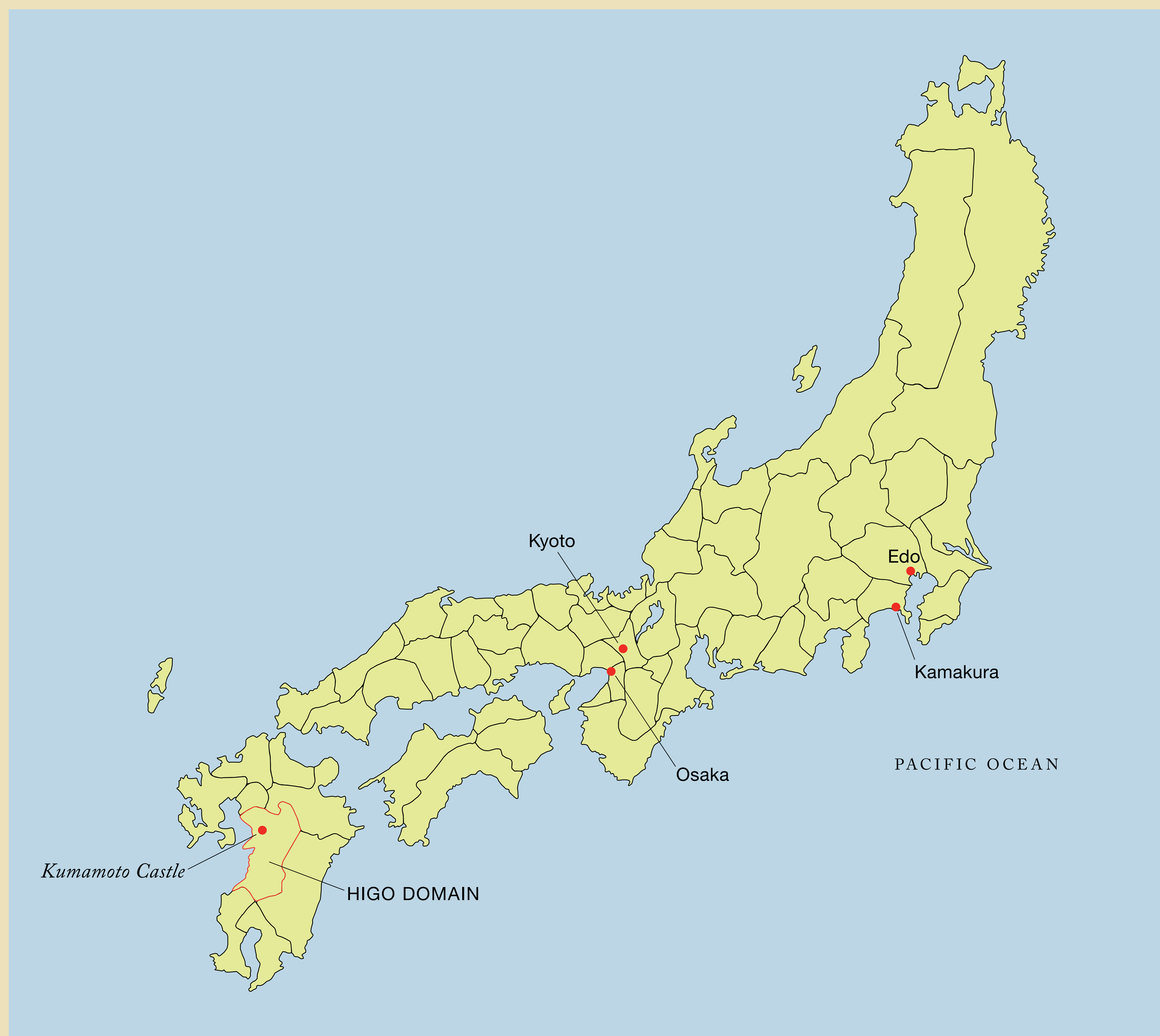


JAPAN DURING THE PERIOD OF WARRIOR RULE



At the time the Hosokawa family governed Higo, Japan was divided into many domains, each led by a provincial lord. Despite some changes, this basic structure endured into the middle of the 1800s.