

Nikaïdo Yukimasa was a member of the noble Fujiwara clan and lived during the twelfth and part of the thirteenth century. He was related to the first Kamakura Shogun (1147–1199), and through his family ties was made an official in the Kamakura Shogunate's government. Yukimasa had considerable political influence, and old records show that between 1201 and 1204 he built a fortress known as Inabayama Castle here on Mount Kinka (known at the time as Mount Inabayama). That fortress would eventually be rebuilt as Gifu Castle.