

Kuki Yoshitaka and Toyotomi Hideyoshi

After the death of Oda Nobunaga in 1582, Kuki Yoshitaka pledged his fealty and services to Nobunaga's successor, Toyotomi Hideyoshi (1537–1598). He continued to serve as a naval commander under Hideyoshi, who asked him to build a new ship for his Korean campaign of 1592. The result was a magnificent battleship, which Hideyoshi christened *Nippon Maru* and used as the flagship of his fleet.

With the support of his lord, Yoshitaka was able to build Toba Castle, which was completed in 1594. Yoshitaka eventually retired and transferred power to his son, Kuki Moritaka (1573–1632).