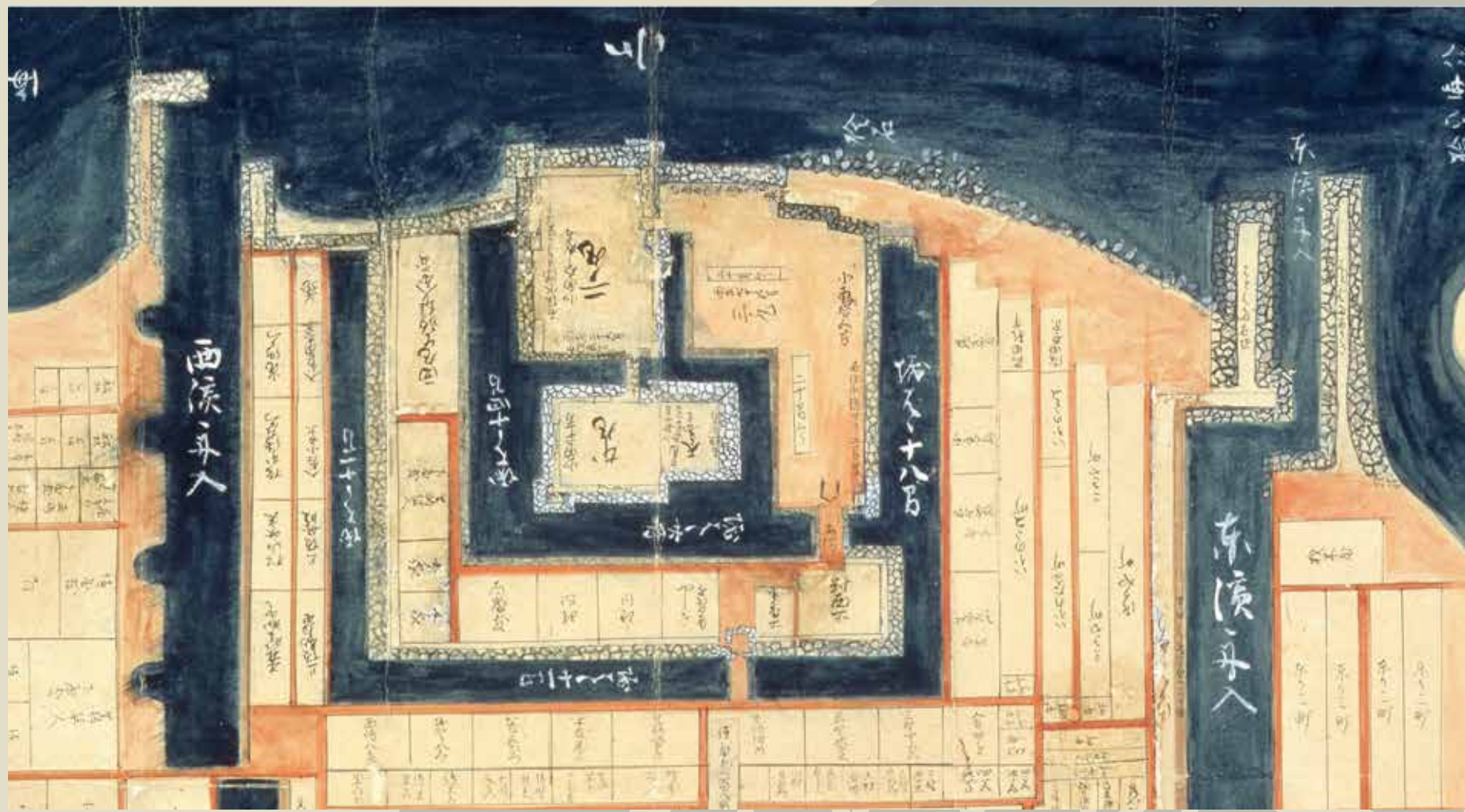
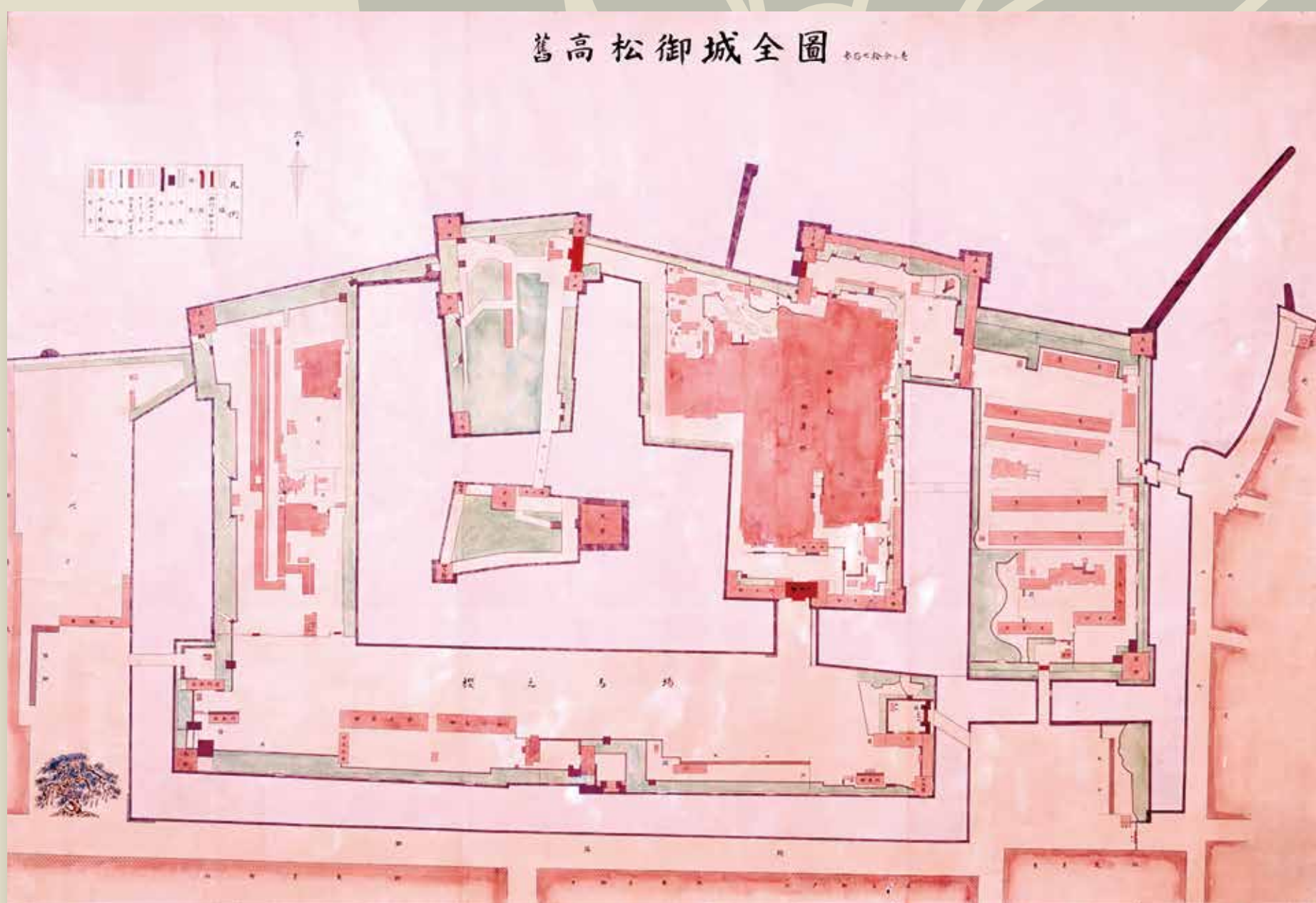


Construction of the Castle by the Ikoma Family and Expansion by the Matsudaira Family:



■Castle Grounds Layout of the Ikoma Family (north is up): Ikoma-ke jidai Sanuki Takamatsu-jō yashikiwari-zu [Map of Takamatsu Castle and the castle town during Ikoma family rule] (Collection of Takamatsu Historical Museum)



■Castle Grounds Layout of the Takamatsu Matsudaira Family (north is up): Kyū Takamatsu oshiro zenzu [Map of former Takamatsu Castle]. (Collection of the Kagawa Museum).

Takamatsu Castle was built during the Ikoma family's era, with Tenshu (main donjon) in the center, a spiral arrangement of compounds, and a triple moat that drew in seawater. The Takamatsu branch of the Matsudaira family took over the castle and newly developed the Kita no Maru (northern citadel) and Higashi no Maru (eastern citadel), which were on the northeast side of the castle. After this, there were no major changes in the castle's layout, and the Meiji Period (1868-1912) began.