

Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan

The Ryu-Mizumitsu is a minor noble Yamataian Clan that hails from the planet Yamatai but became partially nomadic before the formation of the Yamatai Star Empire. Through their corporation, [Ryu Keiretsu](#), the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan has its hands in everything from shipping to manufacturing military equipment.

They are a part of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) and was formed [decades before YE 01](#). The current head of the clan is Ryu-Mizumitsu Yuki.

Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan (劉水光一族)	
	
Largest Presence	Yamatai (Planet)
Leadership	Ryu-Mizumitsu Yuki
Government Type	Minor House within the Yamatai Star Empire
Parent Government	Yamatai Star Empire
Connections	None
Formation	Pre-YE 01
Current Year	YE 45
Currency	Bellflower Note(KS)
Custodians	Demibear

History and Background

Despite being a minor Yamataian house within the Yamatai Star Empire, the heritage of the Ryu far predates its formation like most others. Fifty years before the formation of the YSE, the houses Ryu and Mizumitsu merged as a political union to defend themselves against the threat of absorption by more prominent clans. The Ryu were cunning merchants with access to resources others desired, and the Mizumitsu was a warrior clan that occasionally produced masters of swordsmanship. However, the political union was indeed a cover-up for their crown heirs. Being close friends, the two decided to elope instead of marrying their intended spouses.

For reasons that remain within the clan, the Ryu-Mizumitsu decided to uproot from most of their planetary holdings on Yamatai and spend their lives among the stars as merchants; their samurai

become wandering warrior-philosophers. They believe it was a decision that spared them from much of the destruction of the [Great Plague of YE 08](#), despite most of the clan transferring over into the Geshrin body.


But the clan did suffer significantly during the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#) when a sizeable portion of their ships was caught in the surprise attack on [Nataria](#). The clan's core survived, returning to Yamatai, and has allowed the clan to limp their way back to something resembling a return to normal as of [YE 40](#) by turning into landlords within the Yamatai Star Empire. Many clan members have joined the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) over the years to pay off a blood debt they believe in having with the SAoY.

With the acquisition of Port Orchid (a [NH-H1 Hibiscus-Class Mobile Space Station](#)) in [YE 43](#), the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan transferred their flag to it. While Port Dongfeng is assigned to the [Tange System](#) as part of the [Ryu Keiretsu](#) 's mining efforts, the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan decided to move from the [Tatiana System](#) to [Fujiko](#) in [YE 44](#). With Port Orchid, the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan helped evacuate Norian refugees later in the year.

In [YE 45](#), to address their small central family size, Ryu-Mizumitsu Yuki commissioned 5 [Lily Type Artificial Nepleslian](#) and adopted them into the family.

Ryu-Mizumitsu Standard

In the past, the clan did not have a standard beyond the mon of their clan. But as they expand into the universe as a whole, they are currently in the process of looking the part of a Yamataian House.

The Kamon (symbol) of the clan is a  [Futatsudomoe](#). The clan's colors are crimson (representing the Ryu Family) and blue (representing the Mizumitsu Clan). The clan has a patron kami named Shizuru, who is associated closely with honor and warfare. The clan totem is the Yamatai Red-Crowned Crane, commonly tattooed on the clan's samurai.

Leadership and Clan Structure

This is the clan's leadership structure as of [YE 45](#):

Ryu-Mizumitsu Leadership Structure			
Title	Name	Imperial Title	Notes
Clan Leader	Ryu-Mizumitsu Yuki	None	Daughter of Founder

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Heirs Apparent			
Title	Name	Clan Title	Notes
1st Heir	Ryu-Mizumitsu Masashi	none	Son of Yuki and Unknown Father
2nd Heiress	Ryu-Mizumitsu Megumi	none	Daughter of Yuki and Unknown Father
3rd Heiress	Ryu-Mizumitsu Sora	none	Lily Clone from Yuki and Unknown donor
4th Heir	Ryu-Mizumitsu Kazuki	none	Lily Clone from Yuki and Unknown donor
5th Heir	Ryu-Mizumitsu Haruto	none	Lily Clone from Yuki and Unknown donor
6th Heir	Ryu-Mizumitsu Takumi	none	Lily Clone from Yuki and Unknown donor
7th Heiress	Ryu-Mizumitsu Rina	none	Lily Clone from Yuki and Unknown donor

Being a minor clan, the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan is tiny compared to their component clans due to natural reproduction rates. However, the introduction of the [Lily Type Artificial Nepleslian](#) has changed this with the addition of 5 adopted Lily Artificial Nepleslian ²⁾. Intermarriage with [Nekovalkyrja](#) clans could also change this for the clan.

Clan Motto

厚德载物 (“to be of strong moral character” in Lianjia Speech).

Another Lianjia proverb is frequently used as a very long motto:

- If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.
- If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house.

- If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation.
- If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Culture

The Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan is influenced by [Yamataian Culture](#), with Yamataian spoken within the clan. But the overall culture of the clan is based on the [Lianjia](#).

Traditional Holidays and Ceremonies

The Ryu-Mizumitsu observe the [holidays in the Yamatai Star Empire](#). In addition to that, they have their own ceremonies that they observe internally.

Ceremony Name	Purpose	Notes
Adoption/Induction Ceremony	Commenced to officially recognize a journeyman and journeywoman as an official samurai of the clan	

Ryu-Mizumitsu Philosophies and Politics

Ryu-Mizumitsu is not united in its philosophies and politics. While the central family has some influence, the two halves of the clan have different beliefs. They are further influenced by how close each sub-faction wishes to be to the ideals of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#).

Ryu-Mizumitsu

As the head family, they have learned that a balanced approach is best in most cases to maintaining peace. This approach applies to how they interact without individuals and factions outside the clan.

Philosophy	
Anti-Imperialist	While the Ryu-Mizumitsu believes in having a strong military and the necessity of tradition, they are not for using it to dominate the Kikyo Sector. The Ryu-Mizumitsu will never sabotage the Empire's efforts to better its people, but they will not go out of their way to support imperialistic policies either.
Pro-Balance	The Empress, the Senate, and the Star Army of Yamatai are the three parts of the Empire that the Ryu-Mizumitsu believe must be balanced. The Empress leads, the Senate advises on civil matters and represents the people and the Star Army advises the Empress on military matters and protects. When one is unbalanced, disaster is but a door away.
Anti-NH Supremacist	While the Ryu-Mizumitsu certainly understand the need for the Nekovalkyrja and Minkan , they believe they are not the only path for trans-humanism. The Ryu-Mizumitsu will strongly oppose any measures that lessen species diversification where ever they go and strongly supports augmentation to allow an equal footing/pulling of their weight with the NH-series lifeforms.

Philosophy	
Diplomacy	The Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan believes in talking to resolve issues/differences and supporting more direct approaches only when talks are no longer possible or desired. Force is sometimes required to make people realize talking is better.

Ryu Family

The Ryu Clan is a merchant/banking family of [Lianjia](#) and Korean heritage that got swept up into the [Yamataian](#) culture much later. While moderated by the Ryu-Mizumitsu and Mizumitsu Clans, the Ryu family values earning profit above all else. They do not give to charity unless they have to (or the action makes them look good) and tend to cut costs in areas that hopefully don't ruin the product. They are kept away from the design process as much as possible due to this, creating some animosity towards the head clan.

Philosophy	
Profits are Good	It is valid if the amount of blowback can be mitigated with charity and doesn't harm the clan.
Profits at the expense of others must be carefully weighed	Minimize the amount of heat you generate as you gain wealth for the family.
Xenos are exempted, however	If they aren't a Yamataian citizen or an ally, they are free game for exploitation.
A blood debt to the Star Army that can never be repaid	Always remember Nataria . For we exist only because of the Star Army of Yamatai. Join or support to the best of your ability.

The Ryu Family is split into three main sub-factions.

Mercantilism Faction

The Old Guard of the Ryu Family. The Mercantilism Faction is the dominant voice within the Ryu Family. Though with a growing amount of liberalism in Yamataian politics, their voice has gradually diminished.

Liberal Faction

A faction influenced by the Mizumitsu Clan, the Ryu liberals tend to be the most opened minded individuals within the clan. They are often "tasked" with more benevolent activities such as charities (usually unwittingly) to cover some of the shady business done by those within the old guard of the family. This sub-faction is very diplomatic in nature.

Neo-Liberal Faction

A mixture of the Mercantilists and outside Imperialists, they are a small minority within the Ryu Family power structure. They believe the Yamatai Star Empire should expand and exploit the greater Galaxy. Especially within [Kuvexian](#) space as payback for attempting to conquer the Kikyo Sector.

Mizumitsu Clan

The other half of the Ryu-Mizumitsu, the Mizumitsu, is a samurai clan of [Lianjia](#) caught in the budding culture that would become Yamataians. The Mizumitsu, with a slowly growing minority, value merit, honorable combat, and dishing out vengeance for the commoner when legally able to. When their samurai choose to join government organizations, they often decide to join the Star Army of Yamatai or the National Police.

Wearing a grey hamaka with black yukata, [Mizumitsu Samurai](#) spend much of their time either protecting clan assets (ships, factories, etc.) or wandering the Kikyo sector as warrior-monks. Unlike most other Samurai houses, outsiders and commoners are allowed to join as members of the Order of Mizumitsu. The only requirement for aspirants is to be able to keep up with the Minkan and Nekovalkyria body physically and mentally. As a sign of their affiliation, they are expected (but not demanded) to hyphenate their names (or attach it if alien) with Mizumitsu. Those that are born into the House simply carry the name Mizumitsu.

There is a strong emphasis on swordplay and modern warfare. Three styles are popular with the Mizumitsu samurai. The first (Mizumitsu-ryu) is an aggressive style that makes use of the nagamaki nodachi. The second (Mizu-ryu) is a derivative of [Sora-Mai](#) with a modern twist that combines the katana in one hand and an energy pistol in the other. A third art (Takashi-ryu) form emphasizes being able to defend themselves while also protecting their attackers from injury. It was developed from members seeking a more “enlightened” way of resolving conflicts and is taught outside of the clan.

Below is the base philosophy for the Mizumitsu:

Philosophy	
Righteousness (義, gi)	A Mizumitsu Samurai leads by example and believes in justice, honesty, and integrity. He does not turn a blind eye to wrongdoing.
Heroic Courage (勇, yū)	A Mizumitsu Samurai must always face fear, danger, or adversity (physical or mental) head-on.
Benevolence, Compassion (仁, jin)	A Mizumitsu Samurai must use their training for good. He must always render aid to his fellows at every opportunity and make one when none are to be found. (Some Mizumitsu take this a step forward and see that they deliver vengeance on wrongdoers on behalf of the innocent. Normally within frontier space)
Respect (礼, rei)	A Mizumitsu Samurai does not make judgments based on prejudices but on facts. A righteous heart can appear in the darkest of corners. He must also not be cruel.
Honesty (誠, makoto)	A Mizumitsu Samurai does what is right, legally and morally. He does never break his word once it is given. Speaking and doing are the same action.
Honour (名誉, meiyo)	A Mizumitsu Samurai lives up to the clan's values. Decisions they make and how they are carried out are a reflection of themselves.
Duty and Loyalty (忠義, chūgi)	A Mizumitsu Samurai bears true faith and fulfills his obligations to the Empire, Clan, and those under his charge.
Self-Control (自制, jisei)	A Mizumitsu Samurai is a master of his emotions. The samurai does not deliver disproportionate punishment and does not unleash rage on the innocent.

Like the Ryu Family, three factions currently exist within the clan. Each is named after the martial arts style practiced or the overall political theme they follow.

Mizumitsu-ryu Faction

The old guard of the clan, those of the Mizumitsu-ryu style are stewards of valor and beacons of furious resolve on the battlefield. They believe the guilty must always be punished in proportion to their crimes. They have very “Eye for an Eye” tendencies with particularly heinous crimes (capital punishment for capital crimes).

Naturally, this mindset only wins them a little support with more lenient and rehabilitation-minded individuals in the Empire. Nor do they gain any love from Neko purists for their belief that anyone can be strong (if they have the willpower supported by augmentations).

In regards to Shintoism, Mizumitsu-ryu honors all kami. Though they focus on a particular patron, Amenomahitotsu no Kami (kami of iron manufacture and blacksmiths), that they honor. For protectors of the people require strong arms and the support of agriculture to feed them.

Tenmitsu-ryu Faction

While not pacifists, those that practice Tenmitsu-ryu advocate for the equal treatment of all beings ([Rixxikor](#) are avoided unless one wants to discover the limit of their patience) and seek peacefulness, harmony, and mutual understanding. While they understand the forces that created the [United Outer Colonies](#) turned out to be foul, the idea of an open society (and not one of a benevolent dictator) does appeal to them. Members are the most likely in the clan to join the Discourse Party.

Practitioners encourage introspection and activities that allow them to do so creatively, such as art. The calm veneer disappears when they witness injustice against an innocent or the practitioner is personally threatened by others. In such situations, they become just as determined to correct it as their Mizumitsu-ryu allies if peaceful methods fail.

Out of all the samurai, they honor no particular kami and go out of their way to respect shrines/places where they believe kami are likely to reside (nature-based).

In addition to the philosophies of the clan, the Tenmitsu-ryu Faction adds three additional virtues:

Philosophy	
Peacefulness	A mind at peace is a mind free to pick up the most minute of details
Harmony	When you have harmony within yourself, you can justly bring order to the world
Mutual Understanding	To correctly judge the situation, you must understand those that are behind it

Imperialists Faction

Mainly consisting of recently adopted Nekos and their offspring, Mizumitsu Imperialists are followers of

the Shinto cult that deifies Yui and others within the Ketsurui Clan as living saints/kami. They also support the Imperial Way movement, believing the Yamatai Star Empire should be a military-minded “benevolent” totalitarian government. They are the clan members most likely to join the [Bellflower Party](#).

Like the Takashi-ryu Faction, the Mizumitsu Imperialists add virtues to the core Mizumitsu-ryu philosophies. Even if they somehow practice Takeshi-ryu instead of Mizumitsu-ryu.

Philosophy	
Vengeance (for the People)	To guarantee peace for the other species, Imperialists believe they should directly take on the mantle of protector and limit freedom in the name of safety. Imperialists get much satisfaction in waging war against the enemies of the Empire that wronged the Empire.
Benevolent Dictatorship	While they are not prejudicial towards others, they know they are inherently weaker and must be protected for their own good. Imperialists believe that to protect the greater good, the role of managing it should be in the hands of those who protect (the military). Democracy muddies the water and makes protecting the people from themselves more difficult.

Incorporated Species

The clan has the following species within it so far:

- [Nepleslian](#)
- [Genshrin](#)
- [Nekovalkyrja](#)
- [Lily Type Artificial Nepleslian](#)

It is fully expected that Lily Type Artificial Nepleslians will become a dominant part of the clan over the years, especially with the adoption of five within the head Ryu-Mizumitsu family.

Businesses

The Ryu-Mizumitsu own the [Ryu Keiretsu](#). A tight business alliance of component corporations they have controlling shares in, the Ryu Keiretsu primarily operates in the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) 's [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#). As of [YE 45](#), they have been building a presence within the Fujiko Region (north of [Virginia](#)). Consisting of [Fujiko](#), [Rufusland](#), and [Ukmirt](#), they are attempting to mirror their Motoyoshi Clan partners in developing a region largely ignored by the masses due to the presence of the [Nepleslian Reds](#). Rich in resources, much like the MCS, the Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan, and the Ryu Keiretsu exert their influence on the region via the jointly-owned [Fujiko Development Corporation](#).

Relationships

Allies of the Ryu-Mizumitsu:

- [Motoyoshi Clan](#) - Business partners

Enemies of the Ryu-Mizumitsu include:

- N/A

Territory

Due to the events of [YE 08](#), the Ryu-Mizumitsu is a “nomadic void” clan. Their holdings were a fleet of run-down ships before transferring to a [NH-H1 Hibiscus-Class Mobile Space Station](#) named Port Orchid in [YE 43](#). The Mizumitsu Samurai maintain a complex on [Yamatai \(Planet\)](#), and the Ryu Family has a diminishing presence on [Tatiana](#).

Port Orchid is currently in the [Fujiko](#) where it rents out its shipyard production to vetted local shipwrights. [Rufusland](#) and [Ukmirt](#) also have Ryu-Mizumitsu Clan presence as they jointly own the [Fujiko Development Corporation](#) with the [Nepleslian Reds](#) to develop the region.

Recruiting

New members are allowed with approval, as long as they:

- Are in the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) or allied nation.
- Are involved with the clan.
- Follow clan philosophies.

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