District Name: Shin Kyoto

Type: Low to High Income Neighborhood, Mix of Residential and Entertainment

History: Shin Kyoto was founded by a tight knit group of ethnically Japanese survivors. The group was originally formed and led by Yakuza members that assisted regular people in evacuation following major disasters. Over time the group came to study and follow the culture of Edo era Japan, forming a class system that included super-powered fighters known as Ninkyo Bushi who served the Shogun. The Shogun is a hereditary position held originally by a powerful meta named Shinsuke Yamanaka, a name which has been taken by every Shogun since.

The Shogun, Daimyo, and Ninkyo Bushi: Shin Kyoto is controlled by the Shogun. While the Shogun is a legitimate legal leader of the district, they are also a gang leader who rules through a combination of respect and intimidation. The Shogun's seconds are a select group of deputies called Daimyo. Below the Shogun and Daimyo on the gang ladder are the Ninkyo Bushi, a group of super-powered 'samurai' that act as enforcers for the Shogun. Due to the heavy presence of the Shogun's gang the district is simultaneously one of the safest and most dangerous districts in the city. Following the rules will mean guaranteed protection, while anyone who attempts to form an opposing gang will almost immediately be done in by the Ninkyo Bushi.

Semi-Legal Activities: The main draw that Shin Kyoto has for outsiders, and the main source of income there, is the fact that things like gambling, prostitution, and the drug trade are practiced somewhat freely and are very easily found if one knows where to ask. There is also a decent amount of legal entertainment such as restaurants and theatre.

Class System: Shin Kyoto has a somewhat flexible and mobile but still very important class system that visitors are urged to study and pay close attention to before entering the district. At the top of the system are those directly involved in gang activities, such as the Daimyo and Ninkyo Bushi. Underneath them are a class generally called Culture Scholars, who the Shogun have always kept around to preserve knowledge of Old World Japanese Culture. This class mainly consists of historians and artists. Below them are entertainment workers, including those who run casinos, theatres, and restaurants as well as prostitutes. No rule of Shin Kyoto has more emphasis put on it towards visitors than the rule that those working in prostitution are to be treated with respect. Those who break this rule suffer serious consequences. The lowest in the class system are regular workers and residents, though it's not to say that they are treated poorly. Visitors are considered outside the system, but are advised to be as respectful as possible.

Notable Locations: Shin Kyoto's most popular area for outsiders is the Akiba Complex, a large shopping and entertainment centre that is home to most of the casinos and retailers in the district. It is adjacent to Neo-Gion, the home of most of the district's nightlife- both legal and questionable. To those living within the district the more important areas are the Tō-ji buddhist

tower and Yamanaka-jinja Shinto shrine complex, the latter of which supposedly enshrines all known major kami, as well as Shinsuke Yamanaka I. Also of importance are the near impenetrable fortress of the Shogun, Tetsu-jo, and Touhou street, where most of the movie and animation studios within the district are located.