部への陳情を繰り返しています。 アップへの周知活動とNHK本 げて、直江兼続の全国的知名度

興味がもたれます。

され脚本に反映されていくのか、

の謎や逸話がどのように解

福島県の3県5団体が官民あ

ぞれ推進する会が設立されま には福島県会津若松市にそれ

年に上越市、平

-成 16 年

した。現在は山形県・新潟県・

地である山形県米沢市と旧六 杉景勝、直江兼続のゆかり 成18年秋に兼続の生涯をつづっ なお、南魚沼市においては、平

を発足。さらに同会には、平成 NHK大河ドラマに推進する会」 友好都市を締結したほか、平 あります。特に米沢市と旧六 長岡市)は、長い間友好関係に 日町(現南魚沼市)、旧与板町(現 町は、昭和61年に歴史親善 年、旧与板町が加わったほか、 年には「直江兼続公を ったかどうか、米沢移封後の兼 続の本心は……などと、その た火坂雅志著『天地人』の発刊 勝派を勝利に導いた戦略や、関 兼続の生涯には、御館の乱で景 層の気運を高める予定です。 に合わせ、まちを上げてより一 原の戦いで三成との密約は

近い将来、NHK大河ドラマの 歴史ファンにとってはとても 主人公となった際には、それら 力あふれる人物です。 物像には数多くの"謎"があり、

平成16年10月20日 第5回本部陳情要望書提出 新潟県・福島県・山形県の各知事が名誉顧問になっているの で代表して高橋山形県知事から陳情してもらった。関根放送 総局長と西村ドラマ部長が応対したが、「18年が功名が辻な ので戦国物は2~3年おくが、繋ぎに正月物か金曜時代劇を」 という逆提案があった。

その後、2県の知事が替わったが、平成17年10月19日に会津 で開かれた「三県知事会議」で協議され、「この団体の運動に 名誉顧問として協力していく」ことが申し合わされた。

October 20, 2004 Submission of the 5th Appeal to NHK

平成16年7月12日 第4回本部陳情要望書提出 『活動の記録(追録)』呈上 今回は「会長揃い踏み」という ことで、NHK側も理事の出席という誠意を示した。3会長とも 強く「平成19年放映(平成17年春決定)」を要請したのに対 して、NHK側は異口同音に「直江兼続は魅力的な題材」とい う言葉を発していた。前回より又一段と感触よく、後はタイミン グという感を強くしたが、帰り際に西村氏は、3県知事会議へ の働きかけの可能性に「いいですね。動きがあったら知らせて ください」と言われた。

July 12, 2004 Submission of the 4th Appeal to NHK 上田史談会「魚沼」より抜粋



平成17年10月8日 新南魚沼市誕生記念フォーラム 「心を紡ぐ。心を織る」 主催/南魚沼市·新潟日報社 記念講演 火坂雅志氏(作家) 新潟日報朝刊で「天地人」を連載

October 8, 2005 The newly organized Minamiuonuma City Memorial Forum

Memorial Speech by Mr. Masashi Kasaka (Writer)

## Promotion to make Kanetsugu Naoe a protagonist in an NHK epic drama

Yonezawa City in Yamagata Prefecture, the former Muikamachi Town (Minamiuonuma City at present), and the former Yoita Town (Nagaoka City at present), which are the places famous for associations with Kagekatsu Uesugi and Kanetsugu Naoe, have a long friendship. Yonezawa City and the former Muikamachi Town concluded an agreement for a historical and friendly relationship in 1986, starting the Association to Promote Kanetsugu Naoe as a Protagonist in an NHK Epic Drama in 1997. The former Yoita Town joined th association in 1999. Associations sharing the same purpose as Yonezawa City and the former Muikamachi Town were formed in Joetsu City in 2002 and Aizu-Wakamatsu City in Fukushima Prefecture in 2004.

At present, the three prefectures of Yamagata, Niigata, and Fukushima and 5 organizations cooperate with each other to promote Kanetsugu Naoe to all Japan and the headquarters of NHK. Minamiuonuma City will publish a book titled "Tenchi-jin" written by Masashi Kasaka describing the life of Kanetsugu in the autun of 2006 and promote Kanetsugu further to support this movement.

The profile of Kanetsugu is filled with mysteries, such as the strategy which brought victory to the Kagekatsu faction in the Otate War, the possibility that Mitsunari and Kanetsugu concluded a secret treaty, and Kanetsugu's real feelings after moving to Yonezawa. Therefore, he is a fascinating historical figure whom fans of history feel attracted to. If he becomes a protagonist in an NHK epic drama in the near future, it will be very interesting how these mysteries and episodes will be interpreted and reflected in the scenes shot.



石田三成率いる豊臣方と、徳川方が覇権・ 世界的な政治家も称賛する鷹山の政治手腕の根 には、兼続の米沢藩を窮地から救った藩政が手 大統領(第35代) Kanetsugu Naoe

The man who was born in Sakado castle town, which is present day Minamiuonuma City, and laid the foundation for the fief of Yonezawa, which yielded 0.3 million koku of rice.

In the Sekigahara War in which the Toyotomi faction led by Mitsunari Ishida and the Tokugawa faction crashed against each other struggling for supremacy, the Uesugi family was allied with Toyotomi. After their faction lost the war, their territory was transferred from the fief of Aizu, which yielded 1.2 million koku of rice, to the fief of Yonezawa, which yielded 0.3 million koku of rice.

The numbers of vassals and their families, retainers, monks, craftsmen, tradesmen, and artisans, who followed Kagekatsu Uesugi and moved to Yonezawa were around 30,000. However, the Yonezawa castle town had only one thousand and some hundreds of houses. Therefore, Kagekatsu ordered Kanetsugu to develop and expand the castle town. The development project started with refurbishing the main and second enclosure of the castle. This was followed by improving the samurai town and tradesmen and artisans' town; the new construction of the third enclosure of the castle; houses for retainers, tradesmen, and artisans; temples; banks to prevent flood disaster; and the establishment of a water system. The foundation of the Yonezawa castle town laid by Kanetsugu is still

alive today as the framework of Yonezawa City. Kanetsugu's projects went beyond laying the foundation for the castle town. He also laid the foundation of financial stability in the fief of Yonezawa. He encouraged new industries including the afforestation of Japanese red pine, and the cultivation of cash crops such as Japanese lacquer trees and safflowers. The political ability of Kanetsugu, who revived the strength of Uesugi family from its decline after the Sekigahara War, has

been applauded through the ages. Kanetsugu's administration was reflected in the political reform performed by Yozan Uesugi (The 9th Domain Lord of the fief of Yonezawa), who American presidents such as Kennedy and Clinton mentioned as the Japanese politician from history who they respect most. Kanetsugu's administration which saved the fief of Yonezawa from its difficulties was the model and basis of Yozan's distinctive political ability praised by international politicians today.

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