

# <Myooin>

## A Brief History:

A long, long time ago at this site, known as Kusado Town, there used to be an old temple called Jofuku-ji, the temple that preceded Myooin. The temple is believed to have been founded by the High Priest Kobo Daishi in 807 A.D., and it is said to have had a long history of over 1,200 years.



Five-story pagoda  
in the autumn

## Five-Storeyed Pagoda:

This exquisite five-story pagoda is the fifth oldest of the pagodas that have been designated as Japanese national treasures.

You can see a pagoda finial on the top of its roof. Characters impressed on its base tell that the pagoda was built on December 18th, 1348. This building was designated as a national treasure in 1953 and has been opened to the public every 33 years.



National treasure five-story pagoda

## Main Hall:

This architectural blend of an entirely Japanese-style main building with detailing that incorporates Chinese elements is the oldest existing architecture of its kind. This hall was designated as a national treasure in 1964 and has been opened to the public every 33 years.



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(Japanese stewartia)

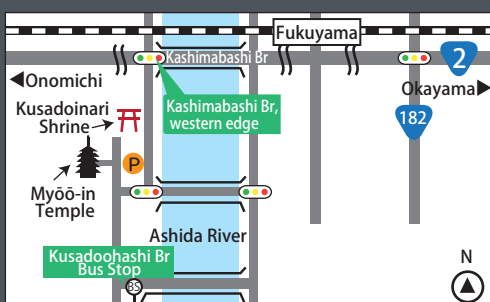
## Other Cultural Properties:

Myooin has more than 50 precious and valuable cultural properties.

The main gate, the bell tower, the priests' living quarters, the study rooms, the Buddhist scriptures, images and paintings, calligraphic works, fusuma paintings and pictures are just a few such examples of these properties. Many of them have been designated as national and local government treasures.



Main Hall



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