

Tenno Shrine – Main Hall

Important Cultural Property

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The construction of Tenno Shrine's Main Hall is a rarity in Japan due to its gabled roof and "Hirairi" layout, which is a Japanese traditional architectural structure where the building has its main entrance on the side which runs parallel to the roof's ridge. The hall also possesses a cypress bark roof made from multiple layers of bark from Japanese cypress trees. Tenno Shrine is said to have been constructed in 966, and its main hall in 1324. Records show that the roof was also repaired 10 times between 1678 and 1859. It was designated an Important Cultural Property in 1907.