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Enryakuji Temple – Shikikodo Hall

Important Cultural Property

[A.D.1652]

Enryakuji Temple's Shikikodo Hall is a building with a hip-and-gable roof that uses batten seaming, and was built on the same land as the monastic residence of the monk Ryogen [912–985]. Since 967, discussions on the Lotus Sutra have been held in this building four times a year, once per season, and it thus became known as the “Shikikodo” Hall (meaning “four seasons lecture hall” in Japanese). The hall is said to have been originally built in 1652, and can be characterized by its non-painted wooded “Shiraki-style” exterior construction.