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Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine - Two-Story Gate of the Western Main Shrine

Important Cultural Property

[Around A.D.1586]

The Two-Story Gate of the Western Main Shrine possesses a gabled, hipped roof made with cypress bark. A Japanese two-story gate (“Roumon”) is a gate with a roof only on the second floor and a rim above the first floor. The Western Main Shrine’s Two-Story Gate is also larger than the similarly constructed Two-Story Gate of the Eastern Main Shrine. On the eaves of the four corners of the gate are also carvings of the monkey who is the divine messenger of Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine. The gate was constructed around 1586, and was designated an Important Cultural Property in 1917.