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Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine – Hashiri-i Bridge

Important Cultural Property

[A.D.1699]

Hashiri-i Bridge is a 4.6 meter wide and 13.8 meter long stone bridge of modest structure that was constructed for performing the Japanese ritual of “Oharai,” or “purification.” Hashiri-i Bridge’s name originates from a nearby purifying spring of the same name. It is said that the bridge was originally presented as a wooden bridge by warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi [1537–1598] in the late 16th century, but was later replaced by the current stone bridge in 1699. The three bridges of Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine (known as the “Hiyoshi Sankyo” in Japanese), are the Omiya Bridge, the Ninomiya Bridge, and the Hashiri-i Bridge.