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Niwatorizuka Mound

The Niwatorizuka Burial Mound has been a recognized symbol of the region since long ago. There are several legends regarding the origin of the mound's name, such as how a performance of "Gagaku" (a form of ancient Japanese court music) during a Buddhist ceremony at this mound resembled the sound of a chicken, hence the name "Niwatorizuka" (meaning "Chicken Mound"). It is also thought that this burial mound shares a relation to the great missionary monk Saicho, such as this mound being one of the locations where he might have stored some of his Lotus Sutras. However, since a formal excavation has yet to be conducted, many details remain unknown. From various artifacts such as fragments of pottery collected from the site, it is estimated that this mound was constructed during the 5th century,