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Enryakuji Temple – Monjuro Gate

Important Cultural Property

Enryakuji Temple's Monjuro Gate is a building with a hip-and-gable roof that uses copper shingles, and has a manjusri statue enshrined inside. The Monjuro Gate was burned down during an attack on Enryakuji Temple [1571], later rebuilt during Japan's Kanei era [1624–1644] along with the temple's Konpon Chudo Hall and Lecture Hall, but unfortunately burned down once again in 1668. The gate was later rebuilt one final time, and has remained intact since. The style of the gate's construction is a blend of Chinese-Tang and older Japanese styles, and is a typical style of construction used throughout Japan's Edo period [1603–1867].