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Saikyoji Temple – Reception Hall

Important Cultural Property

Momoyama period [A.D.1568–1615]

The Reception Hall of Saikyoji Temple is a building with a hip-and-gable roof on its southern side and a gabled, shingled roof made with many layers of wooden planks on its northern side. It is said that this building was originally a part of and relocated from Fushimi Castle in the Fushimi Ward of Kyoto. The hall is a good example of a Momoyama style building, which is an architectural style of the Azuchi-Momoyama period [A.D. 1568–1615], and is also referred to as the “Momoyama Palace.” The design of the sliding screen door on the hall’s east side was produced by one of Japan’s leading group of painters of the time, the Kano school.