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### Ano Temple Ruins

#### National Historic Site

During the time period of the Otsu Imperial Palace (667~672), two types of temple complexes were identified at the site of the Ano Temple Ruins, one being an older complex aligned with the old topography of the time, and the other being a complex that was aligned with the direction of the Imperial Palace. The complex aligned with the Otsu Imperial Palace is thought to have been hastily rebuilt in conjunction with the construction of the palace. This temple may have also been entrusted with the role of protecting the imperial palace against foreign threats from the Hokuriku area after Japan's defeat in the Battle of Baekgang in 663.