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Oujiyama Burial Mound and Ruins

The Nishikori and Oujigaoka areas are well known throughout Japan as the site where the Otsu Imperial Palace (“Otsu no Miya” in Japanese) was once operated. However, excavations conducted in the area have revealed that people have been living in this region dating back to Japan’s Jomon period. The number of ruins in this area steadily increased from the Yayoi Period to the Kofun Period, with by A.D. 6C~7C there being more than 30 burial mounds built around the foothills of Mount Usa. These burial mounds are believed to belong to migratory clans to Japan who might have contributed to the relocation of the imperial palace to Otsu. In these many ways, this area is home to many valuable buried cultural properties of Otsu, and it is our duty to preserve this precious cultural heritage and pass it on to future generations for many years to come.