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### Seated Stone Statue of the Amida Nyorai Buddha

This stone statue was erected during the Heian period (794-1185) along the Yamanakagoe Road which connects Otsu and Kyoto. The statue itself is about 1.4 meters tall, and the entire display is about 2.5 meters tall. The statue has been well preserved, and is characteristic of a Kamakura period (1185-1333) stone statue. Together with the stone Buddha of Kitashirakawa at the entrance to the Kyoto side of the Yamanakagoe Road and the stone Buddha of Shigasato at the entrance to the Otsu side, these statues became landmarks for travelers along this road. The statue is thought to be the work of a craftsman from Kyoto, and these statues are still worshipped by locals in the area to this day.