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Stone Marker of the Kozeki Road

Designated a Folk Cultural Property of Otsu City

This marker is placed at the crossroads which lead to Onjo-ji Temple (also known as Miidera Temple). The marker was constructed during the middle of Japan's Edo Period [1603-1867], and is approximately 95 cm tall. The inscription contains three messages which read: "Go left about 50 meters from here and you will find Miidera Temple," "Go right from here and you will pass through the Kozeki Road and find Sanjo, Gojo, and Imakumano Kannon-ji Temple," and "Go right from here and you will find Miidera Temple." Miidera Temple and Imakumano Kannon-ji Temple both received many visitors as they belonged to the "Saigoku Sanjusansho" (33 stops on the Saigoku Kannon pilgrimage in the Kansai region of western Japan). This marker indicates that the roads ahead were used for the pilgrimages.