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Choanji Temple – Two-Storeyed Buddhist Tower

Important Cultural Property

Early Kamakura period [A.D.1185–1333]

This land was home to Sekidera Temple during the 10th century. Due to an earthquake however, the temple collapsed and had to be reconstructed. During this reconstruction effort, there was a cow which played a key role in transporting materials, and eventually became a target of worship as people came to believe it to be the incarnation of Buddha. When the cow died, this 3.3-meter-tall stone tower was built in memorial of it during the Kamakura period [A.D.1185–1333].