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Wakamiya Hachiman Shrine – Main Gate

Designated Tangible Cultural Property of Otsu City

The Main Gate of Wakamiya Hachiman Shrine is a kouraimon style gate with attached side doors and a gabled roof with ceramic tiles set in a wave pattern. The hollyhock flower crest of the Honda clan who ruled Zeze Castle can also be observed on the gate's eave-end roof tiles. This gate is said to have been relocated to Wakamiya Hachiman Shrine from Zeze Castle after it was abandoned in 1870, and was originally known as the Inubashiri Gate of the castle's main enclosure. The original gate was constructed during the Keicho period [1596–1615], but after collapsing during an earthquake in 1665, was rebuilt using the original's materials in its present form. Overhaul repairs were conducted on the gate in 2019.