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Ishizue Temple Ruins

Designated Historic Site of Otsu City

The Ishizue Temple Ruins are located in the Ishizue-cho region of Otsu along the north bank of the Daidogawa River. The ruins are home to the remains of a 7-meter-long and 11.7-meter-wide foundational platform, masonry, and a cornerstone for a support pillar to be placed on. It is believed that a large temple existed in this area, and it was either similar to Kawaradera Temple and possessed one pagoda tower and a small main temple structure on its east and west sides on its temple grounds, or it resembled Yakushiji Temple and possessed east and west pagoda towers. Roof tiles, mud pagodas, and fragments of Buddhist statues have been excavated from these ruins, and it is believed that this temple was built in the late 7th century and lasted until the Heian period.