

## 9\_11\_English\_衣川廃寺跡(金堂基壇の築成)

### Kinugawa Temple Ruins

#### (Construction of the Main Hall's Foundation)

#### National Historic Site

The foundational platform of the main hall was constructed sturdily to support the buildings that were planned to be built on it. The platform was constructed using a technique known as “Hanchiku,” which involves gradually piling up and beating on dirt to create a solid structure. There are two foundational platforms which use this Hanchiku style of construction at the Kinugawa Temple Ruins. The remains of a structure made of stone and tiles was discovered on the north side of this platform. This structure is believed to have been either a part of the platform, or to be the base of the platform. If this structure was constructed as the foot of the platform, it would mean the northeastern part of the platform's total height was equivalent to over 2.3 meters tall.