9_5_English 出島の灯台 Lighthouse of Dekejima Designated Tangible Folk Cultural Property of Otsu City [1918]

This wooden lighthouse was built in 1875, and is supported by five 7.8 meter tall support pillars which each have a section on top where a fire can be lit. Traditional lamps were originally used and lit until 1918, when the lighthouse switched to using electric lights. The lighthouse was nearly destroyed by a typhoon in 1961, but was restored in 1973 thanks to a dedicated preservation campaign by the local people, and the lighthouse resumed operation once again in 1989.