



Takisanji Temple 滝山寺

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The History of Takisanji Temple

Takisanji is a *Tendai Buddhist temple in *Takicho*. It was built a long time ago, around the 600s, during the Nara period.

*A monk named *Kanden Shonin* was a cousin of *Minamoto no Yoritomo*, the first shogun of the Kamakura *government.

After *Yoritomo* died, *Kanden Shonin* wanted to *honor him. He built a temple called *Soji Zen-in*.

In this temple, they placed special *statues of three *gods: *Kannon Bosatsu*, *Bonten* and *Taishakuten*. These statues were made by famous artists, *Unkei* and his son *Tankei*. Inside the statue of *Kannon*, they put *Yoritomo's* hair and tooth to remember him.

注) Tendai Buddhist temple 天台宗 a monk 僧侶 government 幕府
honor 敬意を表す statues of three gods 3体の仏像



Oni Festival

One famous event at the temple is the *Oni Festival*, known as a very unique and exciting festival in Japan. The festival happens for seven days starting from *the old New Year's Day. During this time, monks pray for peace and *good harvests. On the final evening of the festival, many large torches (around 30 or more) are brought, drums and *other instruments are played loudly,*conch shells are *blown, and demons (*oni*) dance wildly.

注) the old New Year's Day 旧暦の元旦 good harvests 豊作
other instruments ほかの楽器 conch shells ほら貝 blown 吹き鳴らす

