

The Buildings

Nio-Mon Gate (仁王門) -The Entrance Gate

The entrance gate of Kozen-ji Temple.
Two muscular guardians of Buddha called,
Kongo-rikishi/金剛力士像
are standing in the gate.

San-Mon Gate (三門)

Juroku-Rakan/十六羅漢

(The Sixteen Arhats) are enshrined in here.
The Arhats attained “nirvana” the highest level of
ascetic practice, they are considered worthy of
devotion.

Hon-Do (本堂)-The Main Hall

Fudo-myo-o/不動明王 (Acala- Immovable one)
and Hachidai Doji/八大童子

(Eight Child Acolytes) are enshrined in here.
Fudo-myo-o is the best known of the Five Wisdom
Kings of the Womb Realm. Fudo-Myo-o also has
envoys known as Hachidai Doji (Eight Acolytes).

Kyo-Zo (経蔵)-The Treasury of the Buddhist Scriptures

The Great Wisdom Sutra /大般若経

(The Large Sutra) is a collection of Buddhist text scriptures.
The Complete 600 volume collection in this Kyo-Zo.

Sho-Ro (鐘樓)-The Belfry

This large Buddhist bell weighs 1340kg. It was reconstructed in 1960.

Sanju-No-To (三重塔)- The Three-Story Pagoda

The three-story pagoda built in 1808. It stands 17 meters high. The beauty of the architectural sculpture and the balanced proportion of the pagoda is highly appreciated from the aesthetic viewpoint.
Gochi-Nyorai/五智如来(The Five Wisdom Buddhas) are enshrined in here. They represents five different qualities of the Buddha.

Benten-Do (弁天堂)

This is the oldest building in Kozen-ji. The several architectural styles are excellently condensed in this simple and small sacred house.

It was designated as an important cultural asset by the Cultural Properties Protection Committee in 1971.

Benzaiten/弁財天 (The Goddess) and Jugo Doji/十五童子 (Fifteen Attendants) are enshrined in here. Benzaiten is the water goddess. She also known as the goddess of music, poetry, learning and good fortune.

Dai-Ko-Do (大講堂)- Buddha Hall

Amida-Nyorai/阿弥陀如来像 (Statue of Amitabha Buddha) is enshrined in here. Amitabha Buddha is known as the Buddha of infinite life.

Honbo-Kyakuden (本坊客殿) - The Reception Hall

Yakushi-Nyorai/薬師如来像 (Statue of Medicine Buddha) is enshrined in here. Medicine Buddha is the Buddha of healing and medicine.

