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This booklet introduces several hidden charms of Kiyomizu-dera, its origin, and the teachings of Kannon, together with information about annual events.

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JOJUIN AND
THE GARDEN OF THE MOON

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Jojuin was once called Hongan-in.

(Hongan means someone's real wish in Japanese.)

The building of Jojuin was originally used

as a living quarters for Venerable Gana,

a priest who had long devoted himself to reestablishment of Kiyomizu-dera temple after it was burnt down

during the Onin War (1467-1477).

When his long-cherished desire had been at last fulfilled and
Kiyomizu-dera was completely reconstructed,

this structure was named Jojuin.

(Joju means a long-cherished dream has come true.)
Inside of Jojuin, there are many calligraphy wall scrolls

decorated with the Chinese characters for auspicious words, such as zuiki shumon

("good omens have already gathered at the entrance to your home") and daikissho ("an extraordinarily good omen").

These words are also related to the story above.

Jojuin and the Garden of the Moon

月 と 庭 Adorned with flowers in May, fresh green in summer, foliage in autumn, and snowscapes in winter, the Jojuin garden has a different look for every season. Trees neatly trimmed into circles and squares are beautifully arranged in an overlapping pattern that leads to the mid-slope of Otowa Mountain.

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This spectacular scenery gives the garden an infinite expanse.

The Jojuin garden, also known as the "Moon Garden," is designated as a cultural treasure.

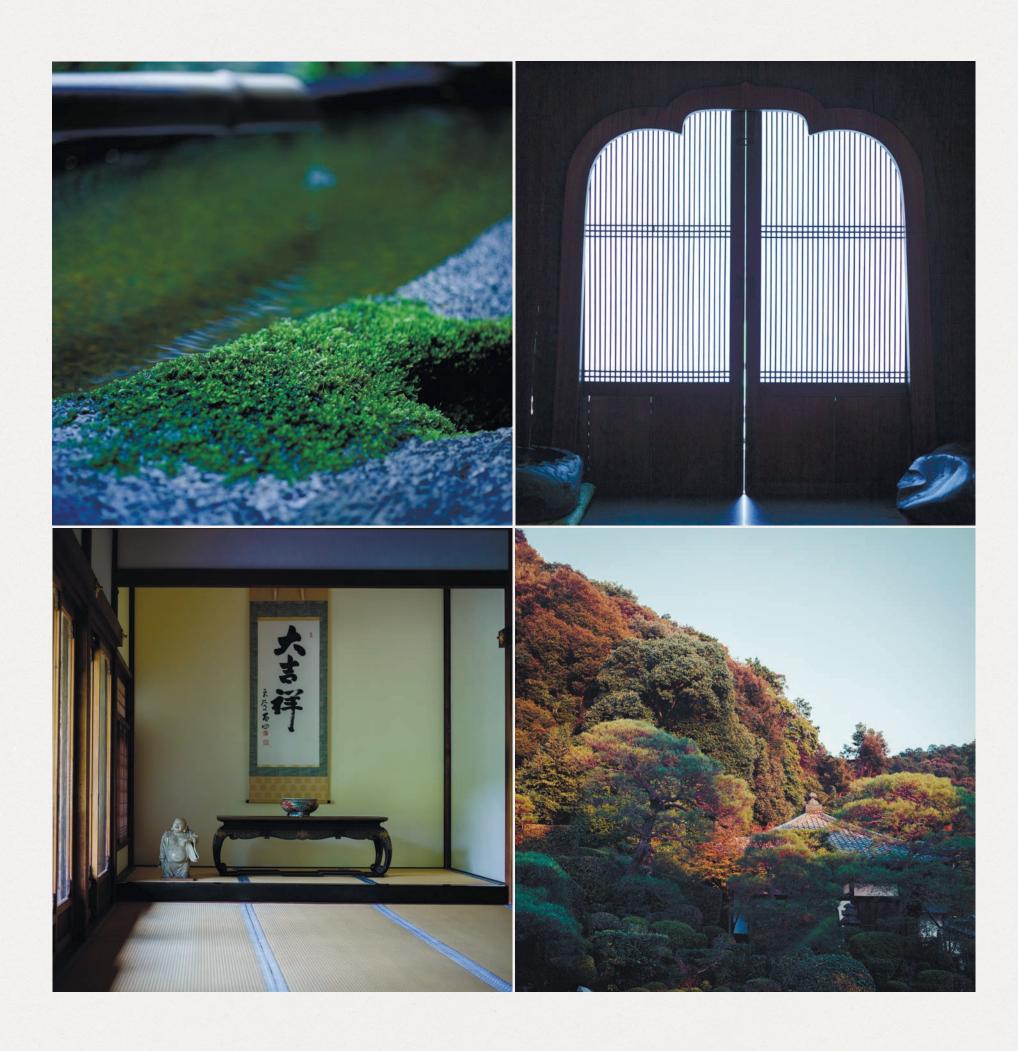
Designed to incorporate the surrounding landscape into the composition of the garden, the Moon Garden is renowned as a notable example of a borrowed scenery style garden crafted in the early Edo period.

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In the past, there were three temples named Jojuin in Kyoto. Each temple had its own unique garden, given the names Snow Garden, Moon Garden, and Flower Garden. Collectively known as the Gardens of Seasonal Beauties, these three gardens had been beloved by many cultural figures. However, as time went by, one garden was moved to the outskirts of Kyoto, and another was tragically destroyed, leaving only the third, Jojuin in Otowa Mountain, to survive.

Jojuin and its Moon Garden, established in the Muromachi period, had been caught in several wars and faced countless dangers. Its present structure was formed by Tokugawa Iemitsu, the

third ruler of the Tokugawa shogunate. The camellias and the washbasin offered by Toyotomi Hideyoshi as well as the paving stones by Kato Kiyomasa have miraculously survived. It is also said that the legendary landscape designer Kobori Enshu reworked and repaired the Moon Garden. Today, the original design remains, right down to the way the shrubs are trimmed.

The name "Moon Garden" evokes a perfect landscape of a picturesque, moonlit garden. However, the truth is that the moon cannot be seen from the veranda because the garden faces the north. So, why was the name "Moon" added to the name of the garden? The reason is

unveiled after sunset. Focusing on each feature of the garden, you will witness the shadow of the stone lantern and beautiful shades of color in the layer upon layer of trees change moment by moment with the movement of the moonlight. The subtle and profound beauty will unfold in front of your eyes.

The moonlight reveals the truth. Sitting on the veranda with a calm mind, you will see why great figures of history have cherished this garden. Over four hundred years since its establishment, the Jojuin garden has continues to attract many visitors. Come and feel its beauty with your eyes and your heart.



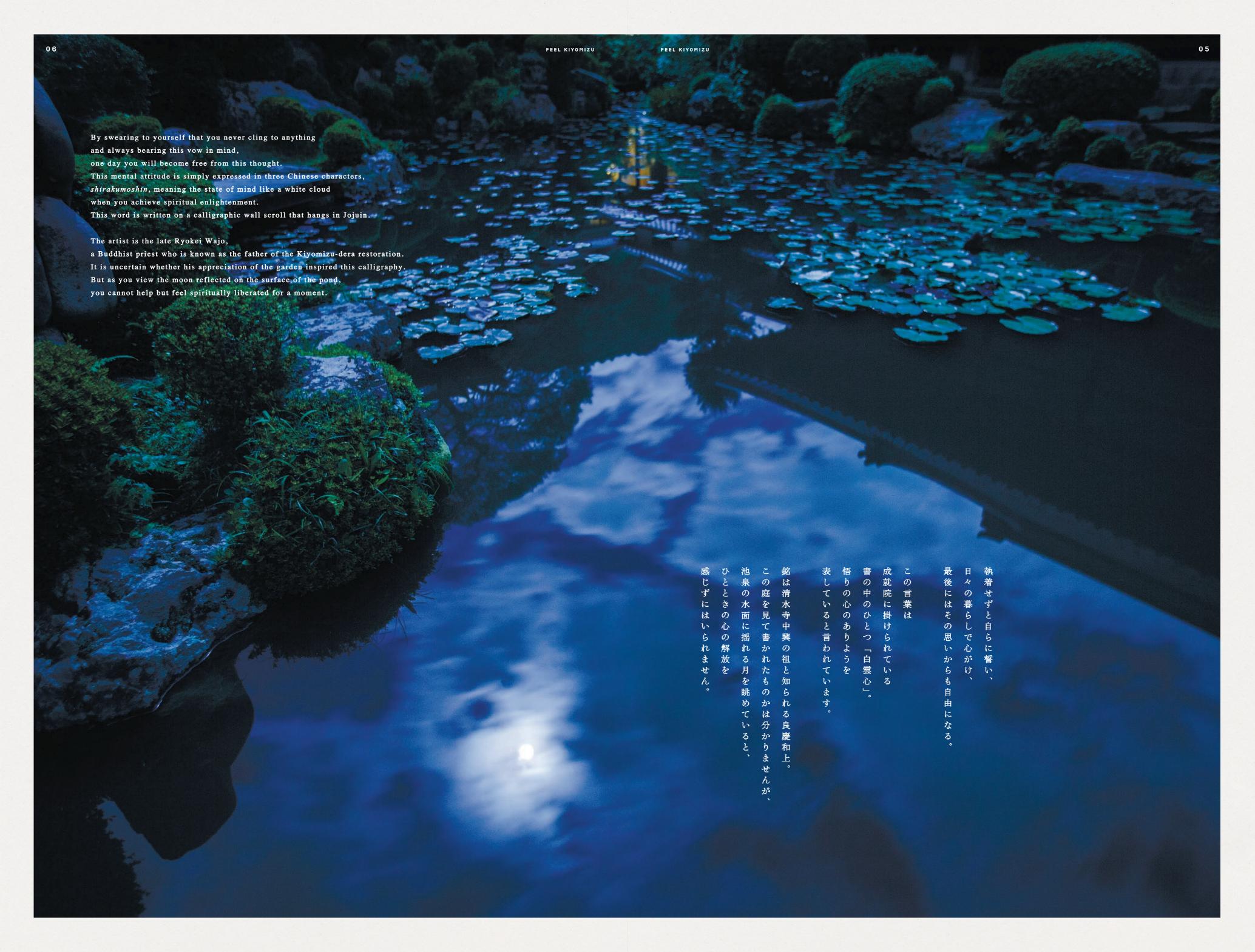
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Gessho, who served as the chief priest at

the end of the Edo period, was also

stormy life, rocked by the turbulence of

Even though Gessho was being watched by the Tokugawa government, he continued to hold secret conferences with like-minded people night and day in Jojuin, feeling a sense of urgency about the future of his country. Those people included many leading figures such as Konoe Tadahiro and Saigo Takamori. Later, Gessho fled from a shougunate official toward the Satsuma region (now Kagoshima Prefecture). He ended up leaping into the Kinko Gulf in an embrace

with Saigo. Saigo was rescued and revived, but Gessho would never open his eyes again.

Nearly one hundred fifty years ago, these men persevered through their turbulent times, gathering at Jojuin and engaging in heated discussions about the future of Japan. And just as we do today, they could sit on the veranda and appreciate the Moon Garden. As you visit Jojuin, we invite you to explore the traces of the final days of the Tokugawa regime and imagine how its patriots spent their lives.

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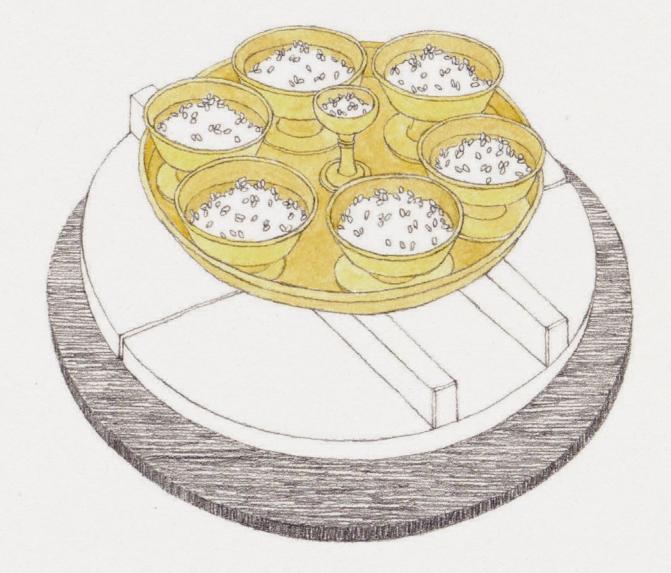
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Gessho, Saigo Takamori, and their Turbulent Times

Rice Offerings to the Kannon



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using firewood to start a fire in the cooking stove and boil rice. This, of course, is one of the most

a daily basis.

Jojuin, renowned for its exquisite garden, and leaves of Cleyera japonica plant used to be a monks' living quarters. offered to purify the area. Vestiges of the monks' everyday lives can be seen in a large kitchen that remains in the daikodo (great lecture hall). Among these is a massive cooking stove, which

In fact, this stove is used to prepare rice offering to the Buddha even now. At 5 a.m., when stars are still in the sky and birds are singing on Otowa Mountain, a

monk on cooking duty is in the kitchen,

In Kyoto, where people respectfully call

their cooking stoves "okudo-san," people

strive to keep their kitchen pure and clean.

Some enshrine an image of Hotei, the God

of Contentment, next to their stove. The

stove in the kitchen of Jojuin has a branch

important parts of ascetic training. By preparing an offering of rice for the Kannon, paying full attention to each and every grain of rice as well as each drop of water, a monk is given an opportunity to reflect on himself, just like chanting a sutra. Although Jojuin is no longer a living quarters, ascetic training continues there on

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Why should we offer cooked rice to a

Buddha? If a child were to ask me this

question, I would want to give a

satisfactory answer, rather than an

ambiguous one. It takes a mature person to

was used for making daily meals for monks.

handle this kind of situation.

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# 音羽山ゆかりの人 【大西 英玄】

1978年、清水寺成就院に生まれる。 2004年より清水寺録事を務め、 2013年より執事補。貫主の随行や自 信の法話、そして境内の案内を通し て、国内外のさまざまな方と清水寺 のご縁を繋いでいる。祖父は元貫主 の故・大西良慶和上。

#### One of the People of Otowa Mountain Eigen Onishi

Born in 1978 at Jojuin, Kiyomizu-dera. In 2004, he began working as a clerk and since 2013 he has served as a sub-steward. Accompanying the chief abbot, giving sermons, and guiding sightseers around the between Kiyomizu-dera and visitors from home and abroad. He is a grandson of the late Ryokei Onishi Wajo, the former chief abbot.



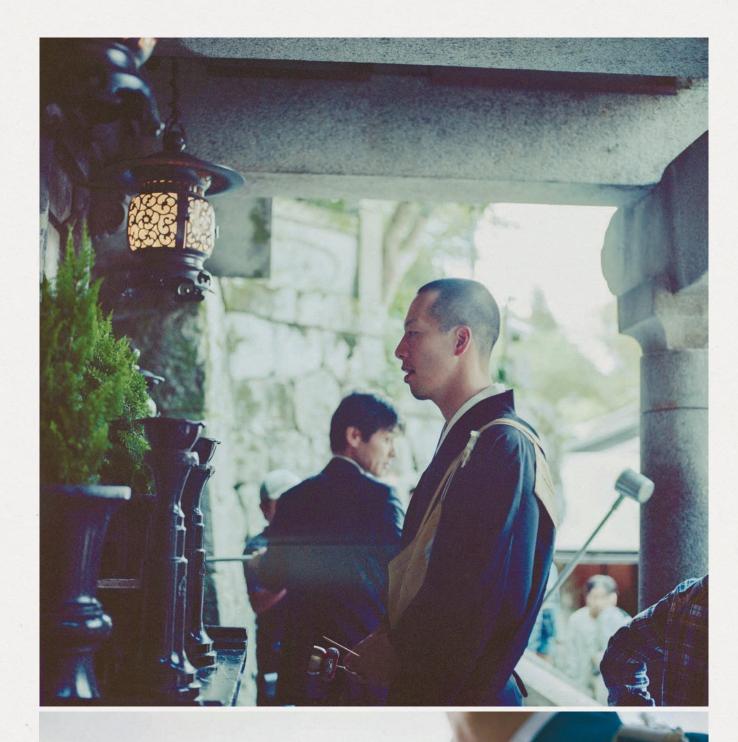
# Reflecting on What Rarely Happens -Blessings to be Grateful for

Quite a long time ago, when a woman from Switzerland visited Kiyomizu-dera on business, I guided her in the Main Hall. The visit must have left a huge impression, as I received an email from her several years later. She told me that she had married, left her job and moved to Singapore, and that she would visit again during vacation. On her next visit, she brought her husband. A few years later, she sent us another email, and then came to Kyoto with her newborn baby girl and her mother. On her first visit, we simply met for business and talked for a few hours. Now she makes frequent visits to Kiyomizu-dera with her family on her personal time. I cannot help but feel that relationships with others are inestimable

A blessing means that what rarely happens is precious and we should be grateful for it. That visitor came to Japan by chance, visited Kiyomizu-dera, and wanted to bring her family to this temple again. All things between us have happened by an unusual turn of fate. However, these kinds of blessings are happening everyday around us. You see, it is unusual yet precious that I was born here and given the name of Eigen Onishi, and that I am serving in Kiyomizu-dera and meeting each and every

Kiyomizu-dera has a history of twelve hundred years. In visiting this site, it can be said that you have an opportunity to encounter the long history and treasured relationships that have been fostered here over such a long time. While appreciating the great landscape from the Main Hall, tasting pure water from a clear spring of Otowa Waterfall, or calming your mind as you view the garden at Jojuin, take a moment to think about your unusual destiny, which brought you to this temple. By doing so, you will feel increasingly grateful for the people around you. I believe this feeling of gratitude will allow

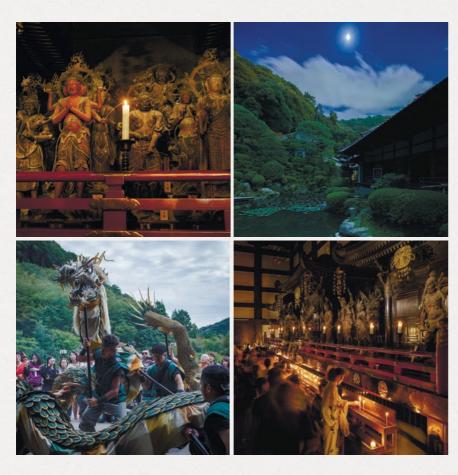
you to form new bonds as well.





Looking at Kiyomizu Now

with a Fresh



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Otowa-san Kiyomizu-dera Temple boasts a history of over 1200 years. Although a great number of people visit this place every year, the Kannon worship relating to the origin of this temple is not well known. The special website, "Approaching Kiyomizu" was created to convey various aspects of the teachings of Kannon worship, along with a stunning video capturing the areas where access is ordinarily restricted which can be found at "Feel Kiyomizu" and also the "Words of Wisdom" preached by Seihan Mori, the chief abbot of Kiyomizu-dera.

SPECIAL WEBSITE

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## [修正会(Lolsja)] Shusho-e

■2015年1月1日より7日間 January 1st-7th, 2015

本堂内々陣で、五穀豊穣、家内安全、商売繁盛、世界平和などを祈願します。無病息災を念じて、額に朱印を押す「牛玉宝印」、「御香水(ごこうずい)」が授与されます。

This annual event is held at the year's start, in *nainaijin*, the innermost and holiest section in the Main Hall. Prayers for a huge harvest, the safety of loved ones, good business, and world peace are offered. Wishing for perfect health, visitors can receive *gou-houin* on the forehead, a stamp having magic powers to avert evil like a talisman and *gokozui*, a sip of healing water.





#### 「観音さまをもっと知る 北法相宗 仏教文化講座」

### Learn more about Kannon

A lecture on Buddhism and its culture (Kita-Hosso sect)

- 例月第二·第四日曜日
- ■午前7時半(冬期8時)から大講堂の円通殿にて開催 ※同日午前7時(冬期7時半)から観音経読誦会を本堂にて実施

良慶和上が昭和41年(1966)年から開講された仏教文化講座。観音さまをもっと知り、身近に感じていただける機会です。どなたもご参加、聞法(もんぽう)していただけます。

Date: The second and fourth Sunday of every month

Time: 7:30 a.m. (8:00 a.m. in winter)

Place: Entsu-den in the lecture hall (Daikodo)

\*The meeting for Kannon Sutra chanting is held at 7:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. in winter)

The late Ryokei Wajo (a Buddhist priest) gave his first lecture here in 1966. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Kannon worship and to become more familiar with Kannon. Anyone can participate and listen to this lecture.



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