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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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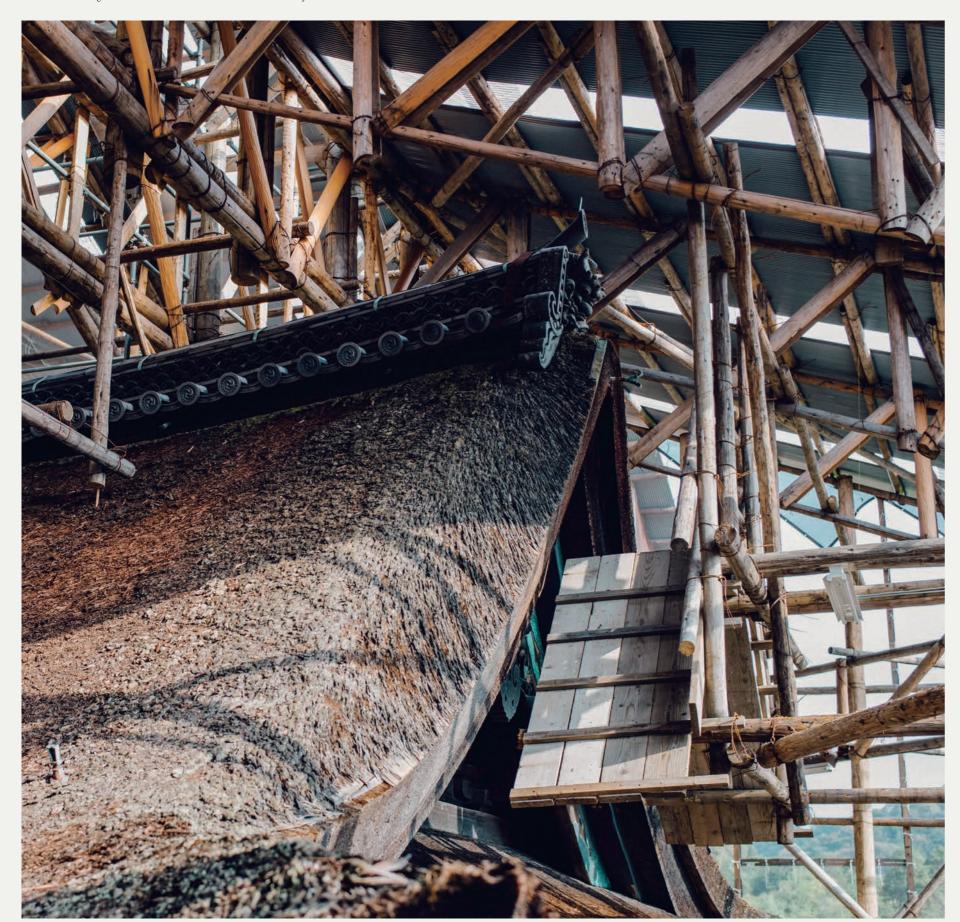
Thinking of the next 400 years

The aim of the current renovation project is to repair nine national treasures and important cultural properties. Among them, the restoration of Umatodome (horse stalls), Honbo Kitasomon gate, Koyasuno-to pagoda, Asakura-do hall, Todoroki-mon gate, Amida-do hall, and Okuno-in hall has been completed so far, but the Main Hall and Shaka-do hall have yet to be restored. Most of the present temple structures are reconstructions after the original structures were destroyed in a great fire in 1629. This means that the 400-year-old buildings have received regular maintenance. Many carpenters and woodworkers have been collaborating to preserve the invaluable architecture of Kiyomizu, such as the Main Hall standing on the steep cliff.

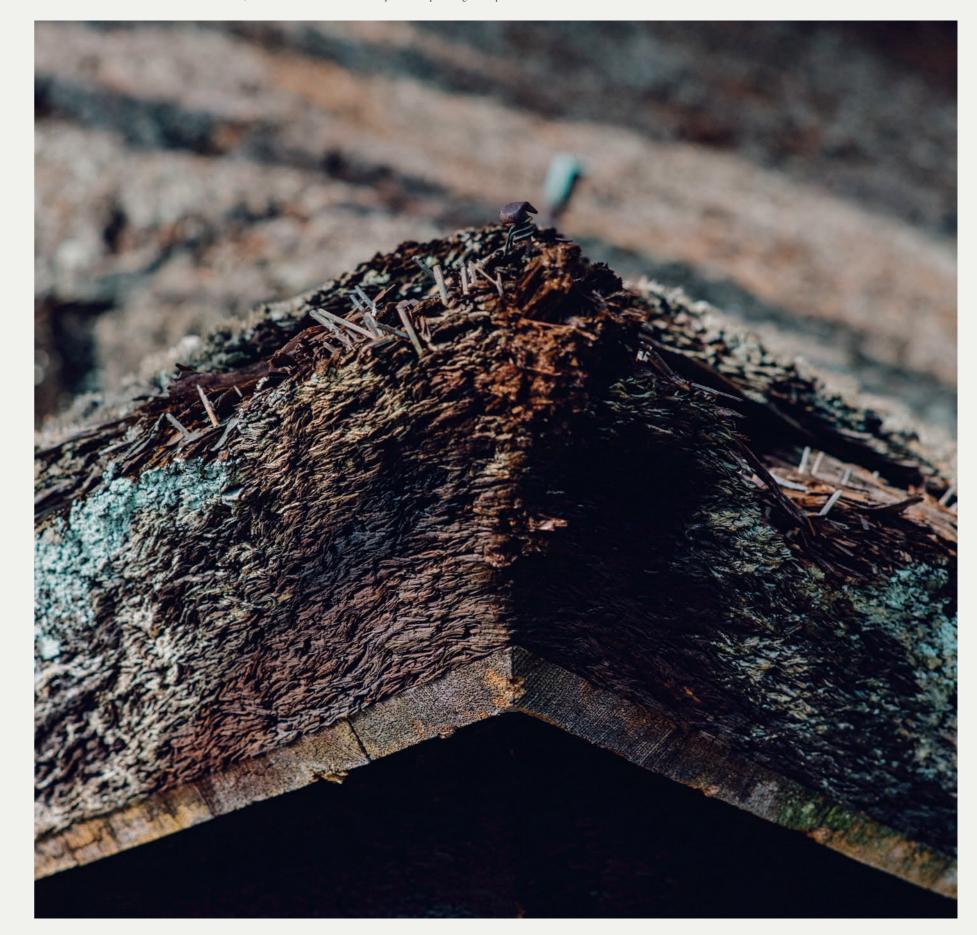
At the Main Hall, the reroofing work of the hinoki (Japanese cypress) bark thatch has been undertaken for the first time in 50 years. For this project, the same type of

hinoki bark as that mentioned in Edo period documents will be the primary material. Restoring the roof to its original state will also enhance the durability of the roof as the traditional hinoki bark to be used is longer than the currently used type. The area of the entire roof is as large as 2,050 m². Since a vast amount of this specific hinoki bark is needed, we have been making every effort to source the materials for the past eight years. Every effort is vital to protect the entire structure from the elements.

The rethatching work of the Main Hall is now underway



The current Main Hall's hinoki bark roof, which has fallen into decay due to prolonged exposure to the elements



本堂、屋根の葺き替え工事の現場 風雨により朽ちた本堂の桧皮葺屋根

'Past meets present' in this restoration

The repairs of Okuno-in hall, which is situated right above the Otowa Waterfall, have just been completed. The hall was built on a steep cliff using a traditional construction method, similar to the Main Hall. Inside Okuno-in hall, the principal image, Thousand-armed Kannon Bodhisattva, stands, surrounded and protected by the Kannon's 28 attendants, and other attendants including Jizo Bodhisattva, Bishamonten, and the gods of wind and thunder. These images can also be seen in the Main Hall. Both the exterior and interior of Okuno-in hall

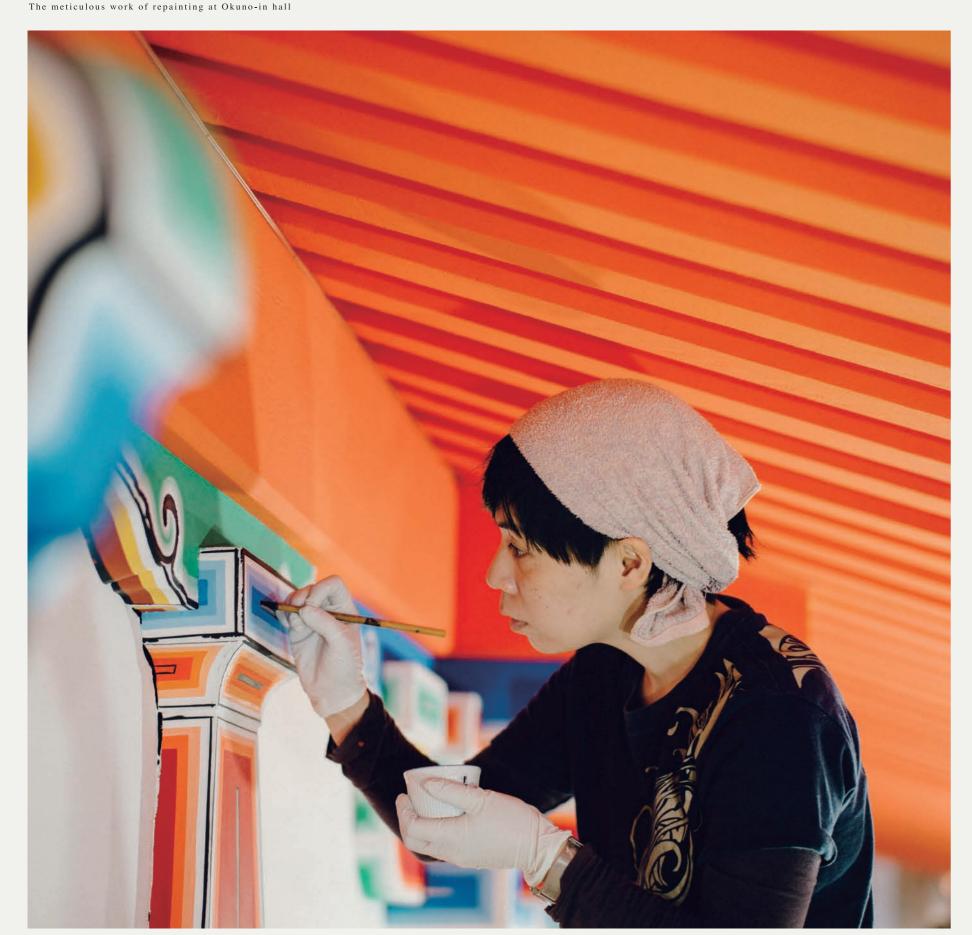
are an exact scaled-down version of the Main Hall. Despite these similarities, hardly any records exist showing when and why it was built. From the fact that the founder of Shingon Buddhism Kobo Daishi (Kukai) is enshrined in Okuno-in hall, it is assumed that the hall may have been built in the mid-Heian period. This was a time when Kiyomizu-dera Temple adopted the practices of the Shingon sect while also being affiliated with the Hosso sect. Still, the origin of the building remains wrapped in

The renovation work of this enigmatic hall had been done in parallel with careful evidence-based historical research. The restoration of a series of one of the methods of restoration.

the imposing architecture, in which its history and modernity are interwoven.

vividly decorated interlocking wooden brackets supporting the roof structure is one such example. Following research on existing paint remnants, the exterior of the brackets were repainted simply, while the south-side area where the original paint is well preserved was left unaltered for the sake of historic authenticity. Partial repainting has resulted in the mixture both of the past and present handiwork. Passing down the traditional techniques as well as leaving the time-worn condition unaltered is also

Looking up at the hall from its stage, you will find





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With the past 400 years in mind, looking ahead 400 more years

Eigen Onishi(Assistant Manager of Kiyomizu-dera Temple) Yutaka Shimada(Head of the Cultural Properties Protection Section, Kyoto Prefectural Office of Education)

Onishi: Finally, the renovation of Amida-do hall and Okuno-in hall has been almost completed, with the beautiful restoration of their colors and plaster. As the reroofing work of the Main Hall's hinoki bark thatch has already begun, the hall, including the stage, is entirely enveloped by a scaffolding structure.

Shimada: Even while the renovation is going on, the temple is open to the public, so visitors may be surprised at this unusual Kiyomizu landscape. It is a very rare experience to be able to take in the view from the stage inside the scaffolding. The previous rethatching work at the Main Hall took place half a century ago (in 1967).

Onishi: There may be a certain amount of inconvenience to visitors during the repairs. However, Kiyomizu-dera Temple has a 1200-year-old cultural heritage while operating as an active Buddhist temple, which continues to spread the teachings of Kannon to this day. Throughout the series of repairs, I realized how important it was to deepen people's understanding of these two contrasting roles of the temple. For us as well, it was a great opportunity to reexamine how the temple should be.

Shimada: I've heard a tree planting project has been going on for the renovation of Kiyomizu in the future.

Onishi: Even now, it seems quite difficult to source the necessary timber. So, I wonder if it is already too late. Anyway, since 2000, we have been growing Japanese zelkova trees in the mountains in the three areas: Keihoku-cho

(Ukyo-ku, Kyoto), Hanase (Sakyo-ku, Kyoto), and Maizuru city. The trees will soon reach 20 years of age.

Shimada: There is still a long way to go. You know, the trees used for the pillars under the stage should be 300-400 years old. It is said that the lifespan of Japanese zelkova timber is twice as long as the age of the original trees. The current Main Hall building is the reconstruction following its destruction due to fire in 1629. Its wood will last 400 more years. The young trees that are now being grown will be used for the next great renovation in 400 years.

Onishi: I believe there is still something that can be done to protect the ever-lasting beauty of the temple. I also believe it is our duty to give back to society what we've received from our visitors. This is achieved through the maintenance of cultural properties.

Shimada: With the construction entering its final stages, the preparations for the rethatching work of the Main Hall, the last major challenge, have finally begun. All the carpenters and woodworkers engaging in this work focus their spirits on their daily duties.

Onishi: I am looking forward to the celebration of the completed reconstruction. The most important thing is that all the workers can carry out this project without injury. I'm keeping my fingers crossed and hope that everything will run smoothly. Best of luck.

Shimada: Thank you.

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清水寺 執事補 大西英玄 Onishi Eigen Assistant Manager of

Kiyomizu-dera Temple

昭和53年(1978)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 現職。貫主の随行や自身の法話、そして境内 の案内を通して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





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information

【修正会】

一年間の安寧を祈願する年頭行事です。 元旦より7日間、本堂内々陣の御本尊御 宝前において五穀豊穣、家内安全、商売 繁盛、世界平和などを祈願します。参詣 者には無病息災を念じて、額に朱印を押 す「牛玉宝印」や「御香水」が授与されま す。僧侶が纏う色鮮やかな法衣にもご注 目ください。

Shusho-e

This is the first event of the year to pray for peace and order throughout the coming year. For seven days, from New Year's Day to January 7, this annual event is held before the principal image in the nainaijin (the innermost sanctuary) of the Main Hall. Prayers for a bountiful 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 talisman-like stamp which has magic powers to avert evil, and gokozui, a sip of healing water. Note the colorful ceremonial robes that each priest wears.

Ceremonial robes worn by priests

"San-ne-ippatsu" (three robes and one bowl) is a Buddhist term meaning the belongings of monks while on a pilgrimage. It indicates three types of garments (one each for ceremony, training, and daily living) which ancient Indian priests once wore, and a single bowl for donations. This is based on the Buddhist belief that if you possess just these four items, you will never find it difficult to make ends meet.

In the early period of Buddhism, a monk's garment was made by stitching pieces of rags together which were too worn to use otherwise. Therefore, their clothing is also referred to as funzoe, meaning a shabby garment. This tradition of patching pieces of clothes together still persists today even when making a new robe with new cloth. Several patches are first sewn together to

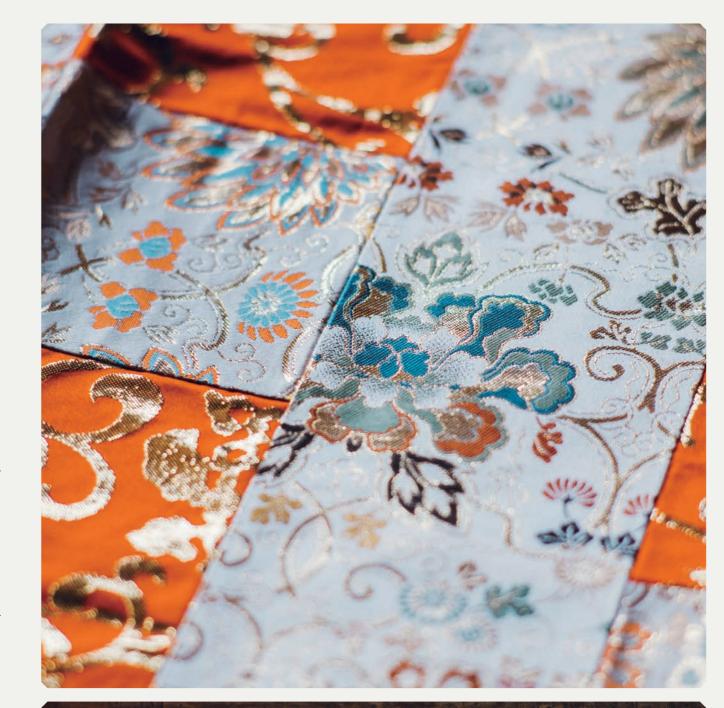
make a panel of cloth, which is then tailored

into nine-to-25-paneled robes (large),

seven-paneled robes (medium), and five-paneled robes (small). A larger-sized robe is used for more formal occasions, and a small robe for less formal occasions. These standards are strictly defined by the original Buddhism regulations. As Kiyomizu-dera Temple was originally affiliated with the Hosso sect which was one of the Six Schools of Nara Buddhism, the basic regulations have remained unchanged since the Nara period (710-794).

Kyoto, home to many temples with different religious sects, also boasts a variety of tailors specializing in priests' robes with expert knowledge on each sect's regulations. These professional tailors, who faithfully follow the Buddhist rules and make the traditional robes by hand, also preserve the teachings of Buddha.

During the ceremonial event, each priest wears a different robe. For Shusho-e, priests are dressed in particularly gorgeous garments.



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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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http://feel.kiyomizudera.or.jp

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今夏、清水寺の公式日本語サイトをリニューアルしました。最新情報をお知らせするとともに、伽藍の風景、清水寺の 歴史や伝承など広く紹介しています。より多くの皆さまが観音さまの慈悲を感じられることを祈念しております。

The official Japanese website of Kiyomizu-dera Temple has been revamped this summer. Throughout the website we now provide up-to-date information, stunning photos of the temple scenery, and information covering the temple's fascinating history and traditions, in hope that every visitor will feel the compassion of Kannon.



「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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して、清水寺の知られざる魅力や

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