

Temmon-zan

Shōfuku-ji temple

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Sect: Rinzai-Zen sect Myoshinji-ha school.

History: founded by Eimei in 1685 A.D.; first headpriest was Rev. Bankei; noted school of Rinzai Zen; many students of Zen has been studying here; recently not a few foreign students of Zen are studying in this temple.



Mumon Yamada

Headpriest: Mumon Yamada (President of Hanazono Univ.; Chief of Zen Culture Institute; born in 1901; graduated from Rinzai-shu Univ., present Hanazono Univ.; became chief, Tenryu-ji temple, Reiun-in temple, Hanazono Univ.; active Zen master, known both in Japan and abroad; said to be the second advent of Rev. Inzan, disciple of Rev. Byakuin in Edo Era; has been making efforts to build a memorial tower of the killed of World War II; authors, 'Hakuin-Zenji Zazen Wasan Kōwa', 'Mumon Hōwa-shu', 'Seikatsu no naka no Hannya Shingyo', etc.; noted Zen lecturer.)

