

Taizoin Subtemple at Myoshinji Temple

Myoshinji Temple, dating back to 1342, is a walled-off complex of temples and subtemples, and belongs to the Rinza school of Zen Buddhism. Taizoin, the oldest among the 47 subordinate temples and one of a few subordinate temples open to the public, was founded in 1404. It is well known as a place where Musashi Miyamoto, a sword master, often visited for sitting meditation.

A painting titled "Catching Cat-fish with a Gourd" by Josetsu, one of the greatest producers of Chinese style ink painting in the 15th century, is designated as a National Treasure. It can be seen in the abbots' chamber, where it brings many visitors to the Zen world.

"Yoko-en", literally meaning "the garden of lingering fragrance" is a garden that changes endlessly with the flowers of each season and weather of each day. In this garden, visitors can find an earthen jar buried in a garden that produces a clear, faint, and delightful sound as water drips into it from a basin above.