



# Shoji-ji Temple in Kyoto

## *The Temple of Flower*

Shoji-ji Temple is a Tendai sect temple located in western part of Kyoto city. It is believed to have been founded in the year 680, by Enno-ozuno, a witch doctor, under the royal command of Emperor Tenmu.

There are approximately 100 cherry trees planted in the temple grounds and thus, the temple is also known as the "Temple of Flowers". The ancient cherry tree beside the Shoro (Bell tower) is named "Saigyo-zakura" after Saigyohoshi, who became a Buddhist priest at this temple, and is believed to have planted the tree.



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