

This bell tower is thought to have been built shortly after the main portion of Tokoji was constructed, in the late seventeenth century. The tower's upper story contains a large bronze bell as well as a dharma drum. The bell was cast by the Gunji family, who were local craftsmen, and donated by the fourth Mori lord. The bell's surface is inscribed with the name of Tokoji's first abbot, Engoku. At Tokoji, the bell and drum are now used only during year-end ceremonies. At temples with more resident monks, similar bells are used for the call to daily prayer and other regular activities.