

Yorin-an Shoin

Yorin-an Shoin is a residence within the grounds of Jodoin Temple, one of the Byodoin sub-temples. The residence was constructed in the early years of the Edo period (1603–1867). The building is roofed with cypress-bark shingles, and it is said that the timbers used in the construction were re-used from a building at Momoyama Castle (also known as Fushimi Castle) that once stood in Kyoto.

The interior walls and sliding doors are decorated with paintings. The tokonoma alcove features a depiction of a snow-covered landscape, while one of the sliding doors is decorated with a hedge and plum trees. A closet door is similarly decorated with flowers and plants.

The works are by artists who belonged to the studio of Kano Sansetsu, a renowned painter who died in Kyoto in 1651. The garden of the residence is believed to have been designed by Hosokawa Sansai (1563–1646) and is registered as a Kyoto Prefecture Place of Scenic Beauty.

The residence has been designated as an Important Cultural Property. It is not open to the public.