

## **Kaisando Hall**

The Kaisando, or Founder's Hall, is built on the site of Zendoin, where Kosanji's founder Myoe (1173–1232) spent his final years and died. The building burned down in the Muromachi period (1336–1573) and was later rebuilt in the Edo period (1603–1867). The Kaisando enshrines a seated wooden statue of Myoe holding prayer beads. This work was originally kept in a passage connecting Zendoin with a 13-story pagoda that was built following Myoe's death. Buddhist memorial services are held here each year on January 19, the date when Myoe died.