

Tahoto Pagoda

This bright vermillion two-storied pagoda greatly resembles the Konpon Daito, the enormous pagoda located up the mountain at Koyasan. Enshrined within is a statue of Amida Nyorai, the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life.

The pagoda is said to have been originally erected by the priest Kukai (known posthumously as Kobo Daishi; 774–835), the founder of Koyasan, when he dedicated Jisonin Temple to the memory of his mother. Sadly, the original structure burned down; the current pagoda dates to the early Edo period (1603–1868).