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Sengoku Period (1467–1600) Meiji era (1868–1912)

CAPTION 1 ON LEFT

Otenpenshia

Derived from the Portuguese *penitencia*, this was originally a whip used for the mortification of the flesh. Japanese Christians venerated it as an object of worship.

CAPTION 2 ON LEFT

Omizubin

An *omizubin* is a ceramic jar used for storing holy water collected at Nakaenoshima Island and other sacred sites. A wooden stick known as an *izuppo* was used to sprinkle the holy water.

BUBBLE ON LEFT

Modoshi

Modoshi refers to funeral rites that were intended to send the soul of the deceased to paradise.

TWO-HEADED LORD MATSURA

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BUT I LIKE FOREIGN TRADE EVEN BETTER!

Monk Speech Bubble

Hirado has a whole range of Christian heritage sites. In addition to many churches, it has sites connected with martyrs of the Hidden Christian era.