

Old Rigaku-in Temple

During the Meiji era (1868–1912), many religious establishments experienced financial problems that caused them to merge or simply fall into disuse. Rigaku-in was one of these. In fact, by the early years of the Taisho era (1912–1926), Rigaku-in had not had a resident chief priest for some time. As a result, the Imperial Household Agency issued an order for Rigaku-in and nearby Fugen-in to be dismantled.

Jikko-in Temple assumed control of the land in 1919. The move also made a plot available for the graves of two former emperors who had been defeated in battle and died in exile: Go-Toba (r. 1183–1198) and his son Juntoku (r. 1210–1221).

After Rigaku-in Temple was dismantled, the area was landscaped to create Chisen-en Garden, which currently occupies the site. The garden's teahouse is named Rigaku-an in honor of the former temple.