



Covered walkway leading to the tea-room "Zōroku".

After finding your answer to Ryōan-ji's rock garden, you might continue your walk through the temple, following the veranda around the hall. But of course, not without having a glance into it, watching the only in black and white painted sliding doors and the copy of the "Miyako rinsen meissho zue". Behind the hall, you will find a narrow garden with the also famous hand washing basin (蹲踞 tsukubai) and pond behind.



Hand washing basins are commonly placed in front of tea rooms, to clean oneself symbolically (washing hands and mouth). This tsukubai is not famous without means. It is said to have been given to the temple by Mito Mitsukuni (1628-1701). Mitsukuni is also known as Tokugawa Mitsukuni and was a grandson of Tokugawa Iyeyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate. He started the work at the "Dai Nihonshi" the



Can you make out the Kanji for well "井" at the ground of the pond? This element is often used for marking a spring or the point where water spills into a pond.