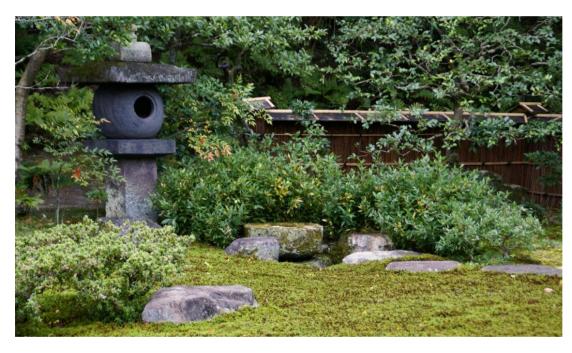


This unusual stone lantern is a Korean stone lantern. It was brought from Korea to Japan by daimyo Kato Kiyomasa (加藤清正), who was one of the commanders in the Seven-Year-War with Korea in the late 16th century.



A stepping stone path leads to a tsukubai, a handwashing basin made of natural stones. The Korean lantern has a square post and middle platform, a round light box, a square stone roof. The finial is unusually long.



The tea house Seika-tei. In the front you can see two impressive fumi-ishi (踏み石), the first stones of a stepping stone path. The tall fence in the background is a Hō-gaki (穂垣). 醒花亭 Seika-tei