

Do You Know Where Daishoji Temple Was?

PART 1

Hello, everyone! I am a student of Kagaseijo High School.

First, I'd like to introduce my school. It is in Daishoji-Baba-machi, and the nearest station is Daishoji Station.



My school "Kagaseijo" and Mt. Kinjozan

You know we have several names beginning with "Daishoji" here. "How many towns beginning with 'Daishoji' are there in Kaga City?", I wondered.

So, I got the list of the towns and tried counting the number of them. To my surprise, there are as many as 65 towns!

PART 2

For example, we have Daishoji-Fukuda-machi, Daishoji-Uwagi-machi and Daishoji-Hata-machi. They say that these three towns were named after famous generals. The town where my school is, Daishoji-Baba-machi, was a place for the soldiers to practice riding on horses.

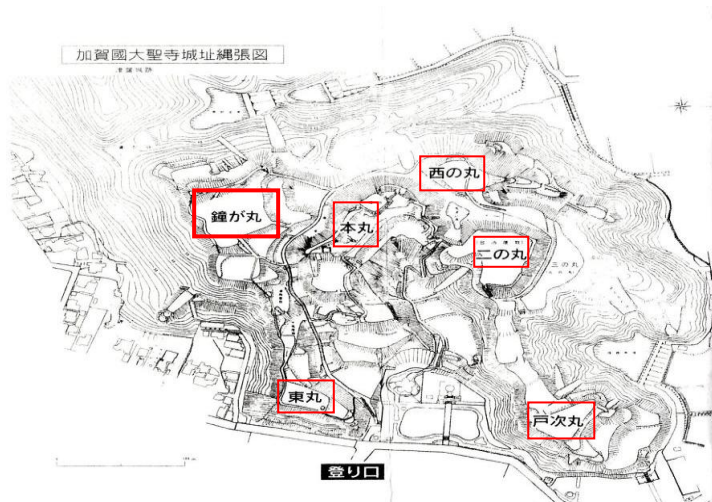


*Our School ground
seen from Mt. Kinjozan*

Daishoji's "ji" character means "temple." There must have been a great temple named Daishoji because there are so many Daishojis here and there.

Recently I've got interested in where Daishoji Temple was. The location of Daishoji Castle is certainly identified, but Daishoji Temple's location is not.

I heard there were a few ideas about the location of Daishoji Temple. However, no one is sure even today. On the other hand, the ruins of Daishoji Castle are being dug up now. They were found at the top of Mt. Kinjozan, which is very close to my school.



The map of the ruins of Daishoji Castle

PART 3

Some of the ruins have already been identified. Among them, there were some important buildings, which have the name "maru".

For example, there are Hon-maru, Nishi-no-maru, Higashi-maru and Kane-ga-maru. The first one, Hon-maru, was a residence of the lord. "Kane" means the bell. The bell! Every temple has its own bell to tell the time.

That's why it is possible that Daishoji Temple was on the top of Mt. Kinjozan.

This may be just one of the ideas, however, I had a very good time thinking of the ancient times!



We had an interview with Mr. Yamashita, who is over 90, about the history of Daishoji. (At Mr. Yamashita's house in Daishoji-Ogyu-machi)