

Iwashizu Shrine

- The first-rate oldest shrine in Takarazuka
- appears in Engishiki Jinmyo cho (the list of all the shrines) written in 927
- Honden, the main building built in the Edo era, is one of the cultural assets approved by Takarazuka city.
- used to be near the Mukogawa River, brought over to its present location to avoid floods.



↑本殿の写真



↑現在地

A folk tale (a tiger in Iwashizu Shrine)

In Azuchi-Momoyama era, a highly respected general, Kato Kiyomasa caught a tiger alive and gave it to Toyotomi Hideyoshi. However, he couldn't keep the tiger in Osaka Castle, so it was brought to Iwashizu Shrine, which has a large precinct. It was kept in a cage in the bush. Villagers fed dogs to it, so the number of dogs was decreasing. When a hunter was unwillingly offering his dog to the tiger, the dog bit the tiger to death. The villagers in panic reported it to the government official. The official said, "Tigers must be strong. It was a mere cat. Forget about it." That's how the villagers were released from the heavy responsibility of feeding the tiger.

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