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KENCHOJI

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IN KAMAKURA




Kenchoji Temple is a Rinzai Zen Temple which ranks first among the *Kamakura Gozan* or Kamakura's Five Great Zen Temples. The temple was constructed with the support of Emperor Gofukakusa and completed in 1253. Under their masters' patronage, Kenchoji and the Five Great Zen Temples gradually became centers of learning and its scholars had a far-reaching influence on the internal politics of the country.

Kenchoji's temple bell is designated a National Treasure. Behind the *Hojo*, or head priest's living quarters, is a garden designed by a famous Zen master with a pond called 'Mind-character pond'.

After visiting the Temple, we will enjoy vegetarian lunch at "Hachinoki Cafe", a branch of the vegetarian restaurant "Kamakura Hachinoki" which has been published in the Michelin Guide.

 Date : April 15th 2017 (Saturday)

 Time : 11:00-14:30

Meeting Time & Place: a) 10:50 am at Kita-Kamakura Station for pickup by Kodosan shuttle bus or b) 11:00 am at the entrance of Kenchoji

 Program:

- Talk by Head Priest of Kenchoji
- Guided tour of the temple

 Fee : 3000 yen (lunch, entrance & miscellaneous fees)

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