

# Daishogun jinja Shrine

## The god of Stars

It is said that at the time the Heian-kyo Shrine was being built, the Daishogunjinja Shrine was built in order to ward off disaster from the capital using the Onmyodo (way of Yin and Yang). Daishogun is a star god with the power of hoyoke (warding off misfortune), and there is a monument depicting a hexagram and Chinese compass before the shrine's main building. A statue of a star god from the Heian Period and a celestial globe (a globe that shows the sky as a sphere and depicts the stars and the equator on the surface) made back in the Edo Period is preserved there.



When the ancient capital was established in Kyoto, this shrine was founded to enshrine the guardian deity of direction who also protects people from disaster.

Known as "Daishogun", the God of Stars in the ancient Chinese philosophy of Yin and Yang presides over direction. It is said that this god was once highly revered and worshipped by people in power.

More than 100 statues of deities or "Shinzo" have been preserved in the shrine and they seem to have been dedicated during a peak of faith for the Daishogun, from the middle to the end of Heian period. Eighty were designated as Important Cultural Assets in 1972.