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Tsukiji Hongwanji's current Hondo (main worship hall) was designed by the architect and architectural historian Ito Chuta, an honorary professor of Tokyo Imperial University (now the University of Tokyo). Ito got the opportunity to work on the building while traveling across Asia for architectural research, during which he met Otani Kozui, the then head priest of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha denomination, who had assembled an expedition team and was touring the Silk Road to explore the roots of Buddhism's transmission to Japan.

Etiquette in the main worship hall



No flash photography
(non-flash photography allowed)



Remain quiet



No eating or drinking



No smoking



No pets
(guide dogs welcome)

The global spread of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha denomination

Missionary activities are currently conducted in 17 countries and territories around the world.



Hongwanji International Center website



Tsukiji Hongwanji global website



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Founder: Shinran Shonin
Denomination: Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha
Head temple: Ryukokuzan Hongwanji
(Nishi Hongwanji)
Principal object of worship: Amida Tathagata
(Namo Amida Butsu)

About Tsukiji Hongwanji

Tsukiji Hongwanji was founded in 1617 near Asakusa in Tokyo. However, it was burnt down in 1657 during the Great Fire of the Meireki era. The temple was rebuilt at its current location in 1679, primarily by devout followers. The temple was once again destroyed by fire following the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923, and the current main worship hall was rebuilt according to a design by architect Ito Chuta in 1934.



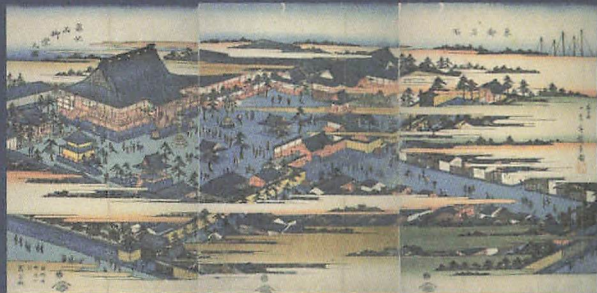
Famous Views of Tokyo: Tsukiji Hongwanji, Chuo City Museum Archives

About the area name "Tsukiji"

The area where Tsukiji Hongwanji is located is called "Tsukiji", and is located on land that was reclaimed from the sea, mainly by followers from nearby Tsukudajima.

"Tsukiji" literally means "reclaimed land," thus becoming the name for the area. 58 temples once stood alongside each other in what is now the vicinity of the Tsukiji Outer Market.

Today, the area is one of Tokyo's leading tourist destinations and includes landmarks such as Tsukiji Hongwanji and the Tsukiji Outer Market.



From the National Diet Library website

Designed by Ito Chuta, one of Japan's premier architects, Tsukiji Hongwanji is built in the style of ancient Indian Buddhist temples

Tsukiji Hongwanji's well-known main worship hall incorporates architectural elements not only from India but all over the world, including Japan, the West, and China.

A pipe organ that is used during Buddhist services and wedding ceremonies is installed in the main worship hall. Visitors can also enjoy the sound of the organ during a monthly lunchtime concert held on the last Friday of every month.

Currently, the Hondo (main worship hall); Seimon, Kitamon, and Nanmon (main, north, and south gates); and Ishibei (stone walls) have been designated as National Important Cultural Properties of Japan.



Belying its exterior, Tsukiji Hongwanji's interior design is that of a traditional Jodo Shinshu temple

When standing before the Tsukiji Hongwanji's principal object of worship, a statue of Amida Buddha, let us recite "Namo Amida Butsu" which means "I take refuge in Amida Buddha." Tsukiji Hongwanji's statue of Amida Buddha depicts the Buddha in a standing pose that represents Amida's Vow to save each and every person by leading us to attain Enlightenment.



Shonyo (left-hand side)

23rd head priest of Hongwanji. Worked to spread Jodo Shin Buddhism in Japan and abroad.



Statue of Amida Buddha (front)

Amida Buddha vowed to save all living beings.



Shinran Shonin (right-hand side)

Founded Jodo Shin Buddhism based on Amida Buddha's Primal Vow to save all living beings.



The Seven Masters (left extended chamber)

Seven great monks from India, China, and Japan whom Shinran Shonin revered.



Prince Shotoku (right extended chamber)

Prince Shotoku was well-versed in Buddhism and worked to spread it during its early years in Japan.

Inside the First Dendo Kaikan

A bright and spacious lounge

Tea Lounge



Japanese cuisine rooted in tradition

Japanese Restaurant Shisui



Inside the Information Center

Buddhist items, stationery, mementos, and more

Official Shop



Popular choice: The 18-dish breakfast

Tsukiji Hongwanji Cafe Tsumugi

