

Miyake Shrine

One of the Matsubara Six Shrine Fortune Pilgrimage shrines. It is said that the shrine was built in the first half of the Heian Period in the 5th year of the Tengyo era (942) to worship Sugawara no Michizane. Susano no Mikoto and Hondawake no Mikoto are also worshipped here. It is said that the land used to be the remains of Yosami no Miyake, a land controlled by the Imperial family during the Kofun period, leading to the shrine's namesake, "Miyake." Before Michizane was worshipped, a shrine, Hohi Shrine, worshipping Amahohi no Mikoto, the ancestor of the Haji family (which later was renamed Sugawara family) existed here.

In the main hall is a life-size sitting statue of Sugawara no Michizane, the head of which is an inserting type and from the Northern and Southern Court period. The body of the statue which was added later contains eight Lotus sutra and two grains of rice with Nyuko type and Kokera sutra that were written in the 8th year of the Genna era (1622). Also, numerous traditional items relating to Michizane like the Toto Tenjin statue created and praised by Konoe Nobuhiro from the early modern age, a portrait of Sugawara no Michizane painted by Emperor Goyozai, and Konoe Motohiro's "Namutenma Daijizaitenjin" can also be found. A stone where Michizane sat when he stopped by the Hohi Shrine that existed at the time when he was sent to Kyushu also remains in front of hall of worship. Called the "Kamigata Stone," the monument was erected in the 2nd year of the Bunkyo era (1862) by a member of the Tsumaya family.

Other items like a three-piece statue of the Amitabha triad and a statue of Kobo Daishi from the Northern and Southern Court period, and "Omebuto" sandals that were used in the Imperial Household during the Edo period are kept there. The eleven-faced Kannon statue from the late Heian period that was moved to Saihoji Temple (Miyakenaka) was the principal image of the Baishoin Temple that used to exist in the shrine (the shrine office currently stands where it was located).

On the north side of the main hall, Engishikinaisha Sakaya Shrine which was also enshrined in Miyake can be found.