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Think about Peace - Marking the 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II -



Siren Tower

Remaining near the summit of Mt. Funaoka in Funaokayama Park today, it used to sound air raid alerts during the war.

During World War II, Kyoto was also attacked and many lives were lost. This poster introduces some traces of the war, including monuments of air raids, that still remain in Kyoto.



Uzumasa Air Raid

Occurred on April 16, 1945. Two people were killed and many others were injured.

Kyoto was considered as one of the candidate targets for the atomic bomb. Had it been dropped, areas within a 2km radius of the hypocenter would have been catastrophically damaged.

To prevent the spread of fires caused by air raids, approximately 10,000 buildings were demolished during 1944-1945 to create open spaces. Traces of this effort can be found along the wider streets of Gojo-dori, Oike-dori, and Horikawa-dori.

During the war, the Fukakusa area was home to the garrison. Some facilities from that period and names associated with the division still remains today.



Street Name Signs: Shidan-kaido (Division Road) and Daiichi-gundo (First Military Road) ▲



▲ The Former Headquarters Building (Current Kyoto Seibo Gakuin School)

Nishijin Air Raid

Occurred on June 26, 1945. 43 people died and nearly 300 houses were damaged.



▲ Floral tribute ceremony at the monument of the air raid on June 26, 2025

An anti-aircraft gun emplacement still remains on the rooftop of the Kyoto City Hall main building.

Umamachi Air Raid

The first air raid attacked Kyoto on January 16, 1945. More than 34 people were killed and over 50 were injured.



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