

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities)

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

- Japan

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

688

#### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1994

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Kamowakeikazuchi-jinja (Kamigamo shrine) , Kyoto Prefecture and Shiga Prefecture , Japan	0 / 0	63.8	242.7	306.5	1994
Kamomioya-jinja (Shimogamo Shrine) , Japan	0 / 0	10.7	105.3	116	1994
Kyo-o-gokoku-ji (To-ji) , Japan	0 / 0	8.5	22.8	31.3	1994
Kiyomizu-dera , Japan	0 / 0	12.3	161.1	173.4	1994
Enryaku-ji , Japan	0 / 0	497.7	1005	1502.7	1994
Daigo-ji , Japan	0 / 0	378.7	218.7	597.4	1994
Ninna-ji , Japan	0 / 0	9.2	431.3	440.5	1994
Byodo-in , Japan	0 / 0	2	203.8	205.8	1994
Ujigami-jinja , Japan	0 / 0	0.3	0	0.3	1994
Kozan-ji , Japan	0 / 0	15.7	444.9	460.6	1994
Saiho-ji , Japan	0 / 0	1.7	204.6	206.3	1994
Tenryu-ji , Japan	0 / 0	3	167	170	1994
Rokuon-ji , Japan	0 / 0	9.3	0	9.3	1994
Jisho-ji , Japan	0 / 0	5.7	318.9	324.6	1994
Ryoan-ji , Japan	0 / 0	3.9	0	3.9	1994
Hongan-ji , Japan	0 / 0	6.1	24.3	30.4	1994
Nijo-jo , Japan	0 / 0	27.5	28.7	56.2	1994
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>1056.1</b>	<b>3579.1</b>	<b>4635.2</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map indicating the location of the property	28/09/1993	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

The Agency for Cultural Affairs 3-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8959 TEL: +81-3-5253-4111 FAX: +81-3-6734-3822

### 1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- MORI Tadashi  
"Monuments Section Cultural Properties Division
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#### Comment

Monuments Section Cultural Properties Division, Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education

### 1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [World Heritage in Kyoto \(Kyoto Prefecture\)](#)
3. [Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto \(National Land Agency\)](#)
4. [World Heritage Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto \(Preservation of Cultural Properties Section, City of Kyoto\)](#)
5. [Kyoto Prefecture](#)

### 1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

#### Comment

The Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities) consist of 17 component parts that are situated in Kyoto and Uji Cities in Kyoto Prefecture and Otsu City in Shiga Prefecture. Built in A.D. 794 on the model of the ancient Chinese capital, Kyoto was the imperial capital of Japan from its foundation until the middle of the 19th century, and has acted as the cultural centre of Japan since the end of the 8th century. Most of the 198 buildings and 12 gardens composing the 17 component parts of the property were built or designed from the 10th to the 17th centuries. They illustrate the development of Japanese wooden architecture, particularly religious architecture, and the art of Japanese gardens, which has influenced landscape gardening the world over. Thus, the property possesses Outstanding Universal Value.

### 2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(ii)(iv)

### 2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (ii) Kyoto was the main centre for the evolution of religious and secular architecture and of garden design between the 8th and 17th centuries, and as such it played a decisive role in the creation of Japanese cultural traditions which, in the case of gardens in particular, had a profound effect on the rest of the world from the 19th century onwards. Criterion (iv) The assemblage of architecture and garden design in the surviving monuments of Kyoto is the highest expression of this aspect of Japanese material culture in the pre-modern period.

**2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised**

**2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

### **3. Factors Affecting the Property**
































#### **3.14. Other factor(s)**

##### **3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

nothing in particular

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact	Origin
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>	
3.1.1 Housing	 	
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	 	
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	  	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>	
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	 	
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	 	
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>	
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	  	
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>	
3.11.2 Earthquake	   	
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>	
3.13.3 Management activities	  	
<b>Legend</b>	 Current	 Potential
	 Negative	 Positive
	 Inside	 Outside

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

#### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

No factor is both current and negative.

### 3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

nothing in particular

## 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

#### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

#### 4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

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### 4.2. Protective Measures

#### 4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The seventeen properties include 198 buildings designated as National Treasures or Important Cultural properties under Article 27 of the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties 1950 and twelve gardens designated as Special Places of Scenic Beauty or Places of Scenic Beauty under Article 69 of the same Law. Moreover, the sites in which these are located are also designated Special Historic Sites or Historic Sites under Article 69 of the 1950 Law.

This lays an obligation upon to manage, repair, and open these properties to the public (Articles 30, 31, 34-2, 47-2, 74 and 75). Alterations must be approved by the National Government (Articles 43

and 80), which subsidized the cost of repair and management and provides technical guidance (Article 35, 47, and 75).

There are Buffer Zones around each site, and they are also covered by Historic Environment Control Areas, which exist for Kyoto City and Kyoti and Shiga Prefectures. These control development, restrict the height of buildings, and protect the settings of sites.

#### 4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

#### 4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

#### 4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

nothing in particular

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

Day-to-day management of the sites is the responsibility of the owners. However, a number of national and local government agencies are involved in management planning and conservation. The main responsible national agency is the Agency for Cultural Affairs (Bunka-Cho), Tokyo. Collaborating bodies are the Council for the Protection of Cultural Properties and its Committee of Experts (for matters relating to the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties), Prime Minister's Office (Ancient Capitals Preservation Law), Ministry of Construction (City Planning Law), Kyoto Prefectural Office (ancient Capitals Preservation Law, Prefectural Scenic Zone Ordinance, City Planning Law), Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education (Law for the Protection of Cultural Property), Kyoto City Planning Bureau (Ancient Capitals Preservation Law, City Scenic Zone Ordinance, Municipal Ordinance on Cityscape, City Planning Law), Kyoto City Culture and

Tourist Bureau (Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties), City of Uji Board of Education (City Planning Law, Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties), Shiga Prefectural Office (Ancient Capitals Preservation Law, City Planning Law, Prefectural Ordinance on Scenic Zones), Shiga Prefectural Board of Education (Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties), and City of Otsu Board of Education (City Planning Law, Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties)

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

nothing in particular

**4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?**

There is **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

**4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?**

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

**No annual work / action plan** exists

**4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following**

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Fair

**4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Local communities **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to management

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

**No indigenous peoples** are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

**4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?**

There is **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

**4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

nothing in particular

**4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report**

nothing in particular

**4.4. Financial and Human Resources**

**4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)**

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	10%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	1%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	1%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	50%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	30%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	5%
Other grants	3%

**4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)**

**Comment**

not applicable

**4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?**

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

**4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?**

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

**4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?**

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

**4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?**

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

**4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?**

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

**4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure**

**4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Full-time	50%
Part-time	50%

**4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Permanent	50%
Seasonal	50%

**4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

**4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?**

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

**4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Fair

**4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium

Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

**4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?**

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

**4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

nothing in particular

**4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

**4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

**4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?**

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

**4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report**

nothing in particular

**4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects**

nothing in particular

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In **many locations and easily visible** to visitors

**4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of**

the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

nothing in particular

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **excellent co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected and makes a **substantial contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

nothing in particular

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards management needs** and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Non-existent
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

**4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?**

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

**4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee**

nothing in particular

**4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring**

nothing in particular

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2



## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

#### 5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

No factor is both current and negative.

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Please select your top management needs in question 4.9 before filling in the summary table.

### 5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

#### 5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

#### 5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

#### 5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

### 5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

nothing in particular

## 6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

### 6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Not applicable
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Not applicable
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

### 6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

nothing in particular

### 6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

### 6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

no

### 6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

nothing in particular

### 6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Very poor
State Party Representative	Fair
Advisory Body	Fair

### 6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Not all of the required information was accessible

### 6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
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### 6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

### 6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

#### • Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

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### 6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

nothing in particular