

A Study on Bowing Direction in Japan ( 5 ) :  
- Bowing Direction and Urban Planning -

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Since ancient times, the Japanese has directed religious devotions toward graves at the foot of mountains, the mountains themselves, and the sea. Shrines were generally built in wooded areas as sites of yoh-hai, or bowing toward these distant objects of worship. In light of this tradition, it is recommended that, in urban planning, care should be taken not to disrupt the axis of worship (wood mountains sea), as it represents the timeless infrastructure of Japanese cities.