

Roof Finials of the Main Donjon of Takamatsu Castle

The shachihoko [rooftop finials] on Takamatsu Castle's Tenshu [main donjon] bear inscriptions of their creator and the year of their construction. They are also characterized by their slender, simple design. Some Edo-period illustrations of Takamatsu Castle depict the shachihoko stylized and enlarged, revealing their status as symbols of the Tenshu.

This shachihoko is the model for "Tamamon," a Takamatsu Castle's mascot. It has been the symbol of the castle both now and in the past.