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This wooden statue of standing Sho-Kannon Bosatsu, which has been handed down since before the construction of Kaizouji temple in 1724, is the principle icon of the temple and is only shown to the public once every 33 years.

Given the dignified figure and the characteristics of the sculpture, the statue is thought to have been created on the periphery of Shimonoseki around the 11th century. It was carved from a single block of wood and the inside was hollowed. Crystals were inserted into the eyes after the 12th century and the face was recarved slightly. This is one of the oldest Buddhist statues in Shimonoseki.

