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The autumn colors in Japan are always splendid. This location is in Kobe City, deep into the mountains.

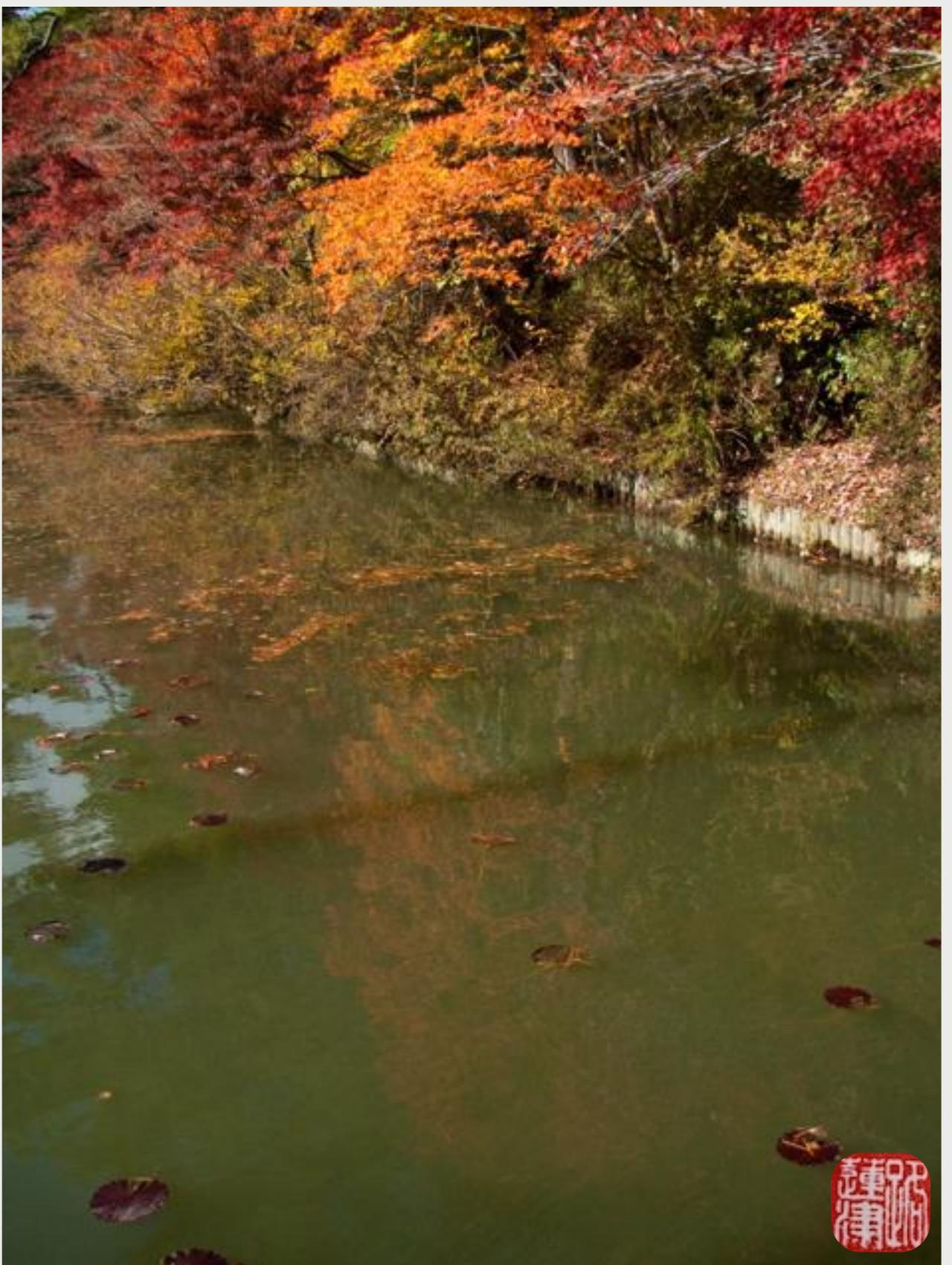


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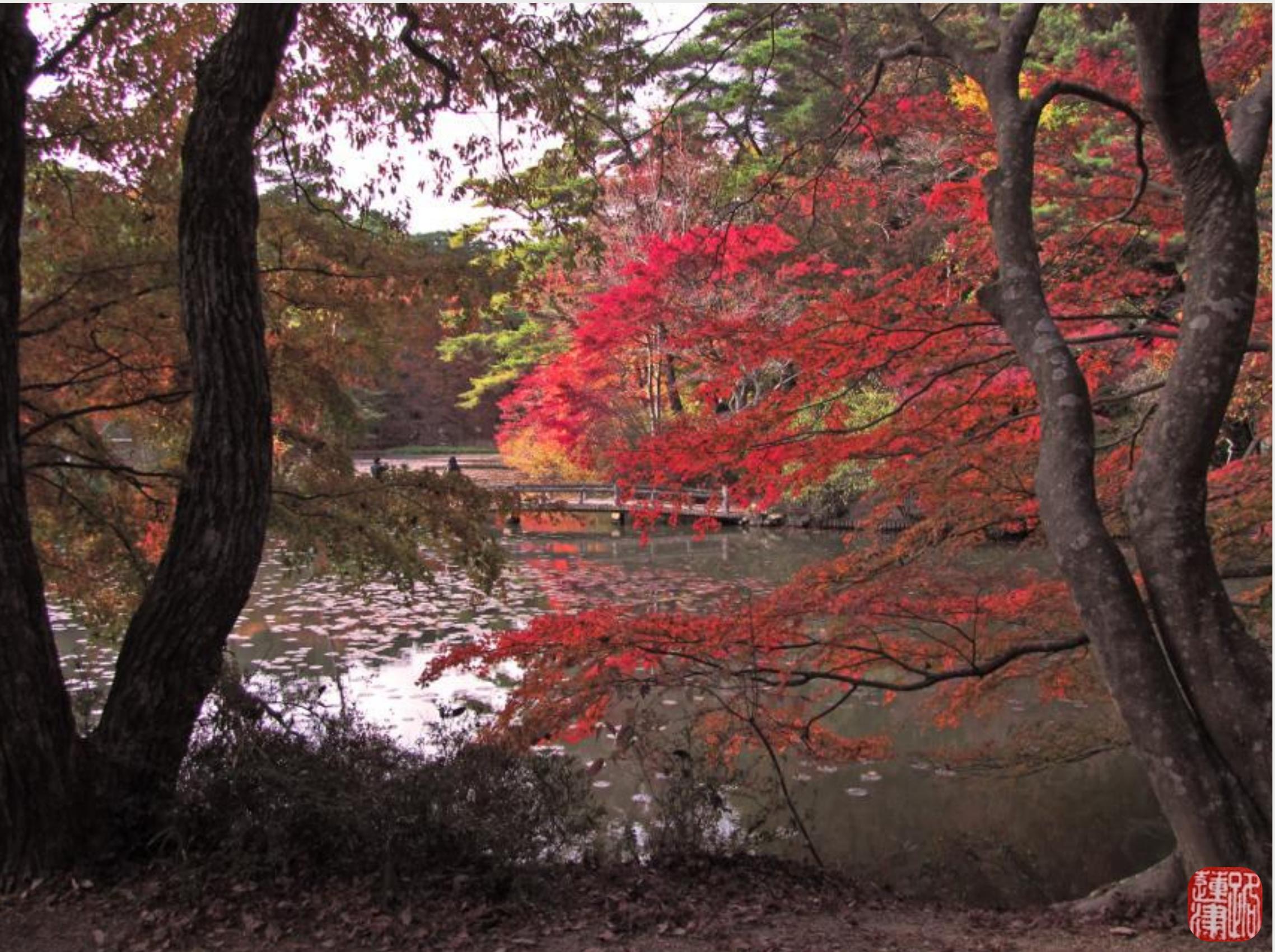




































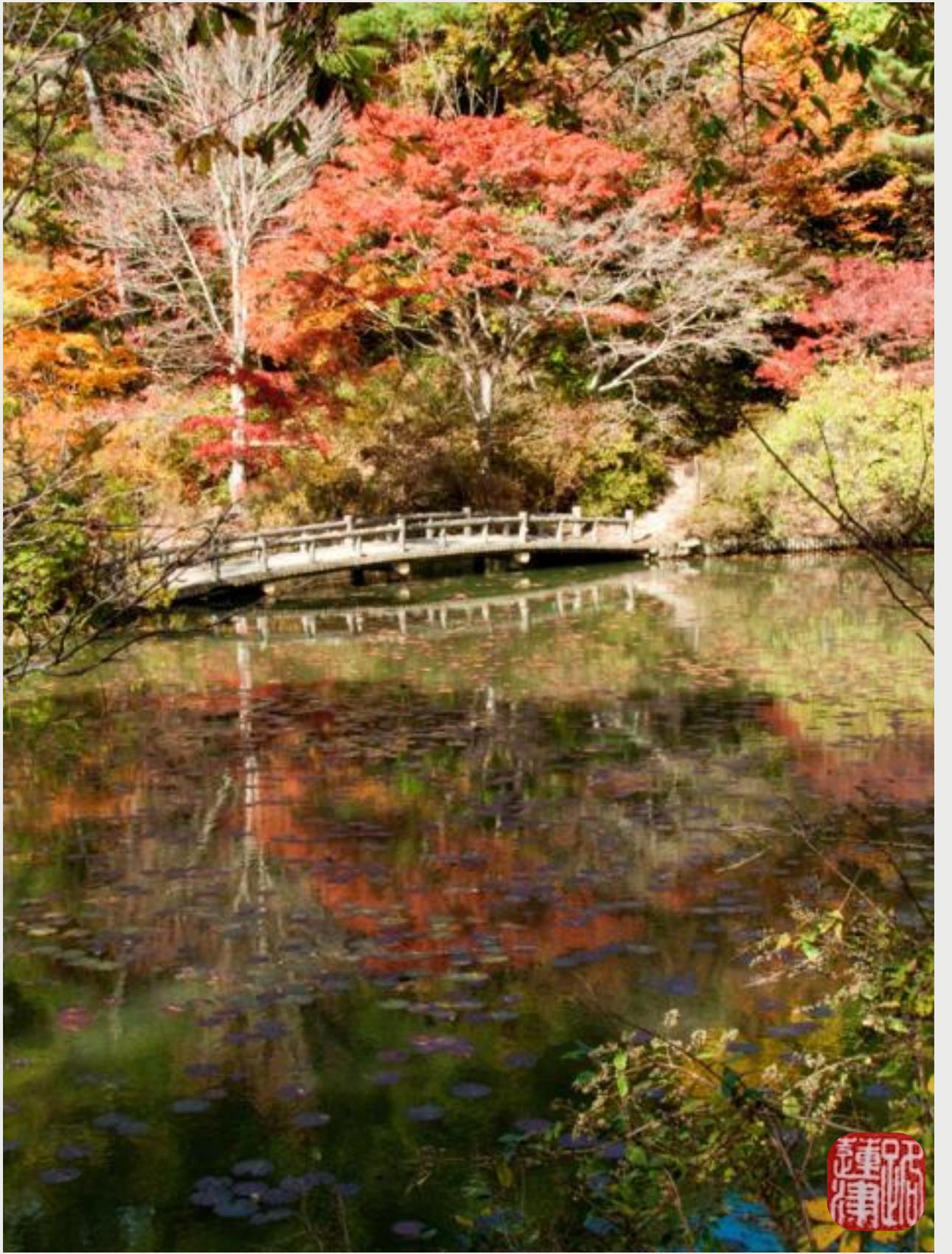










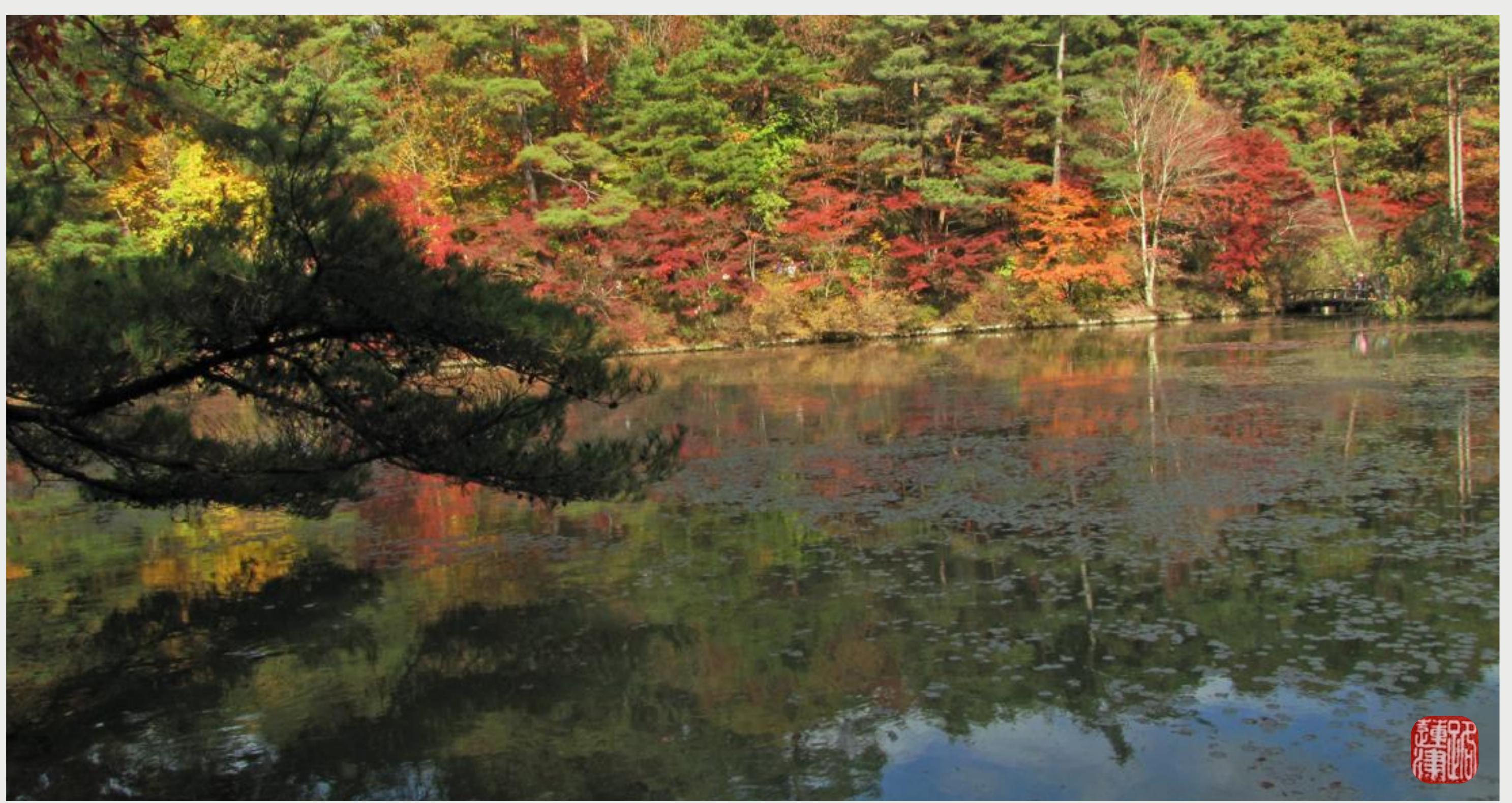


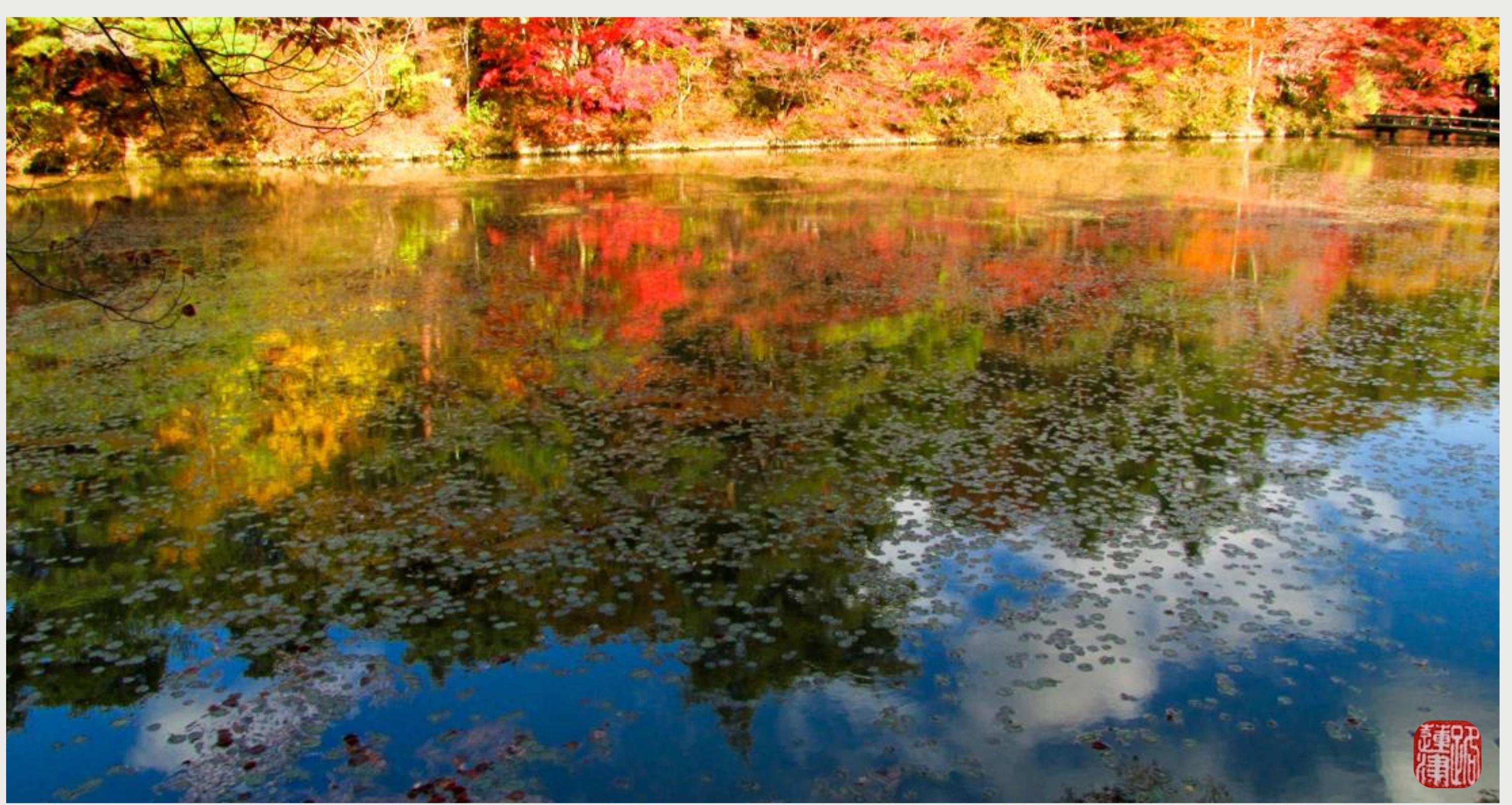




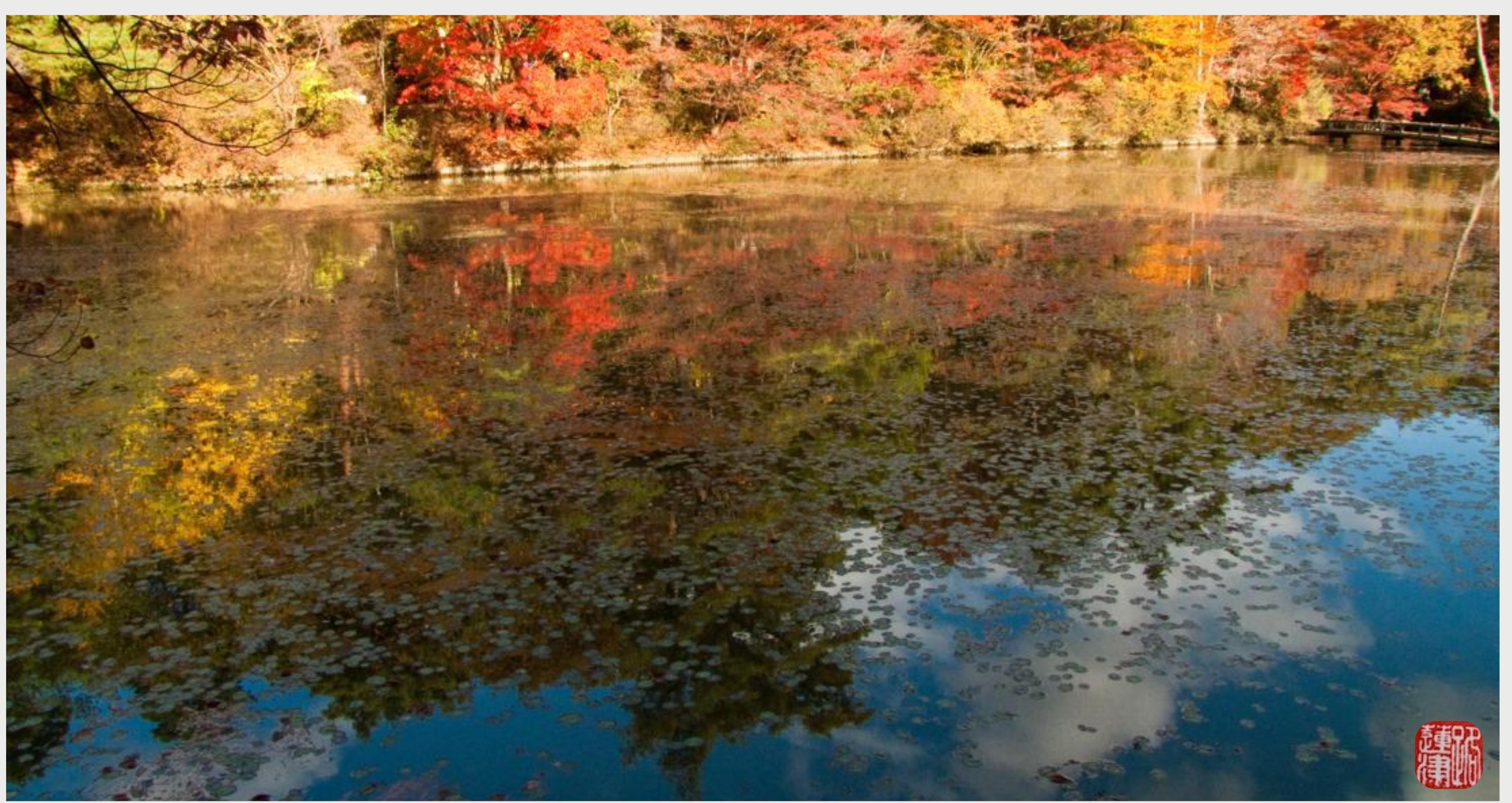


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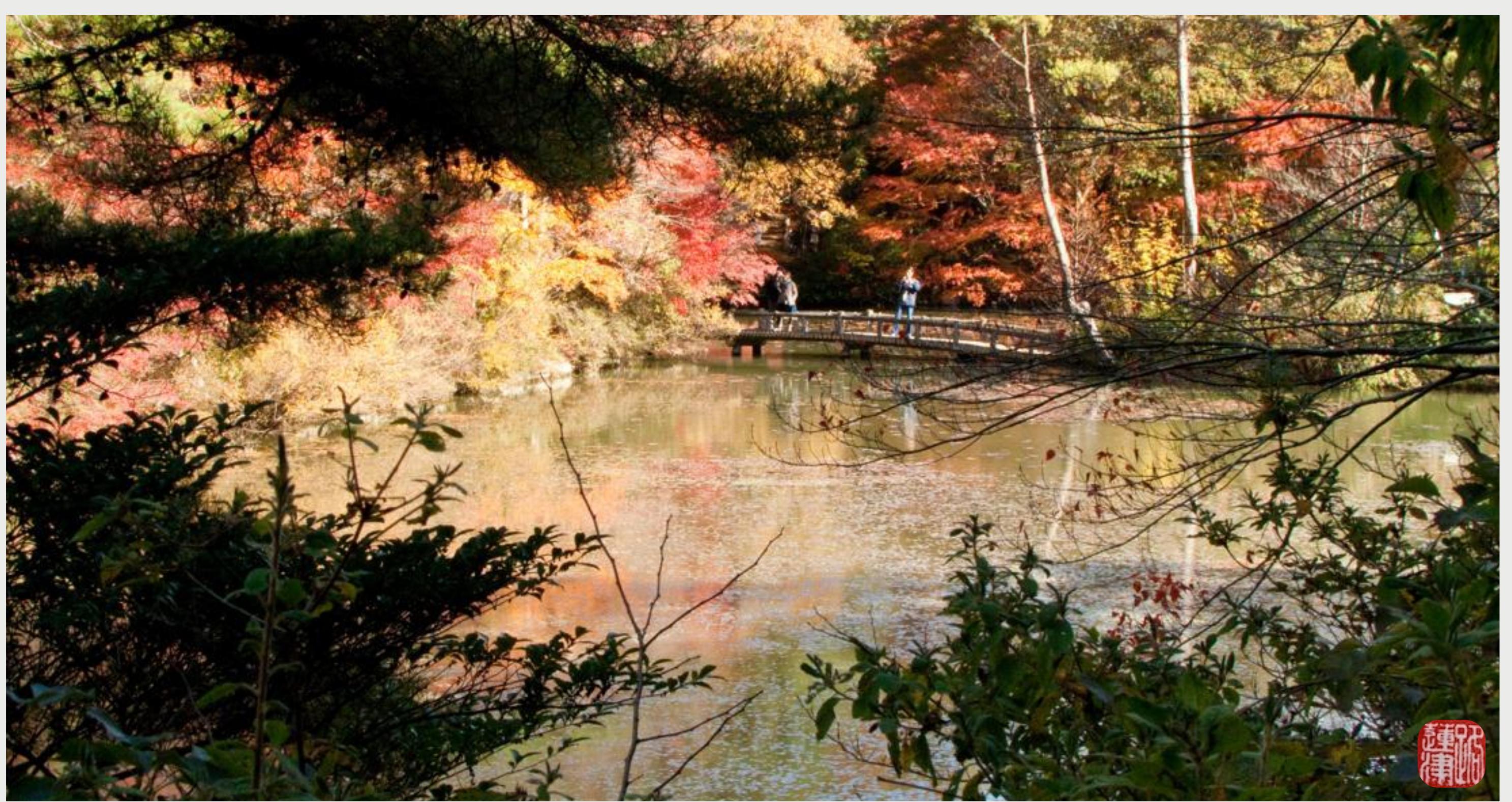
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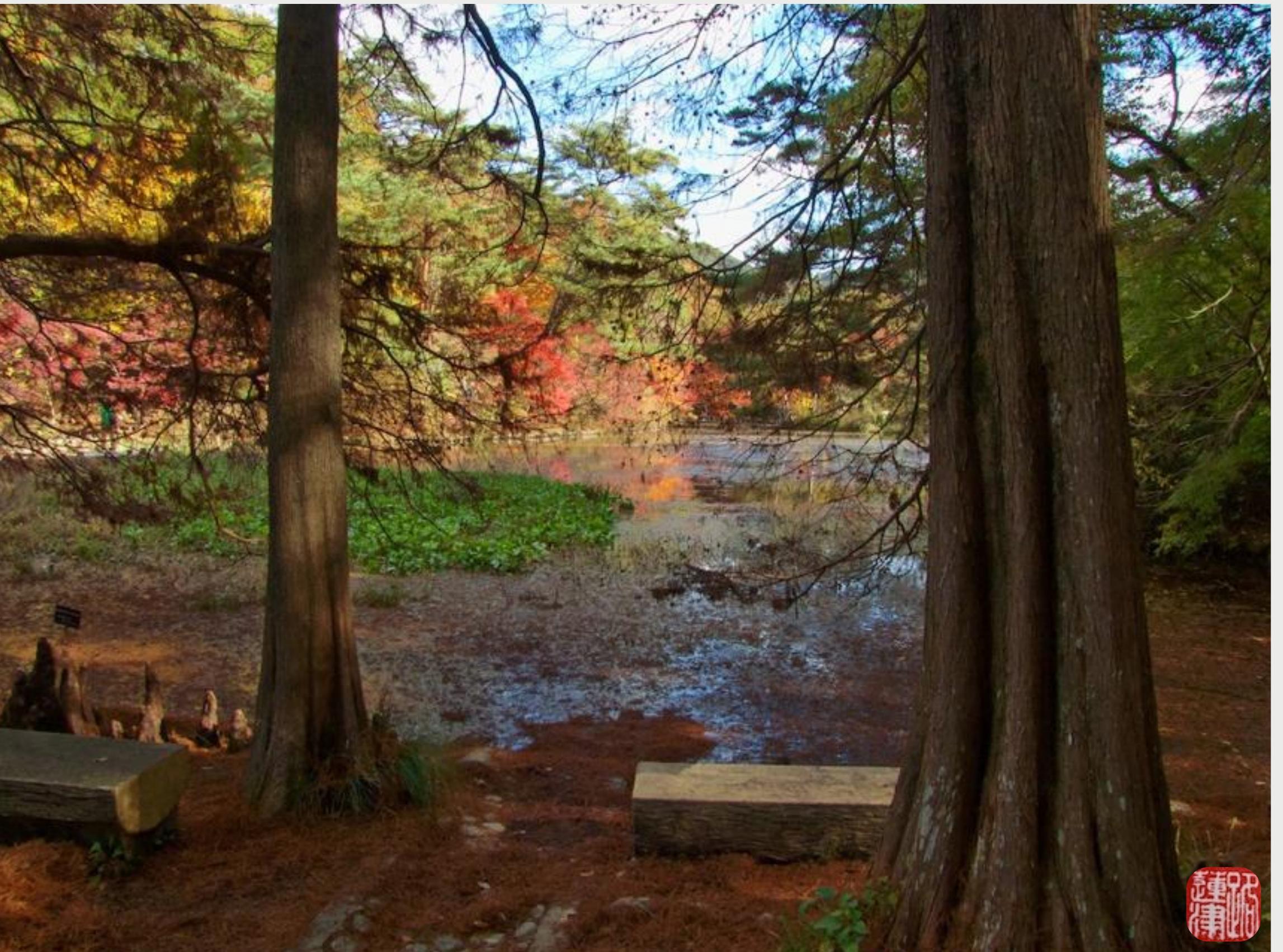
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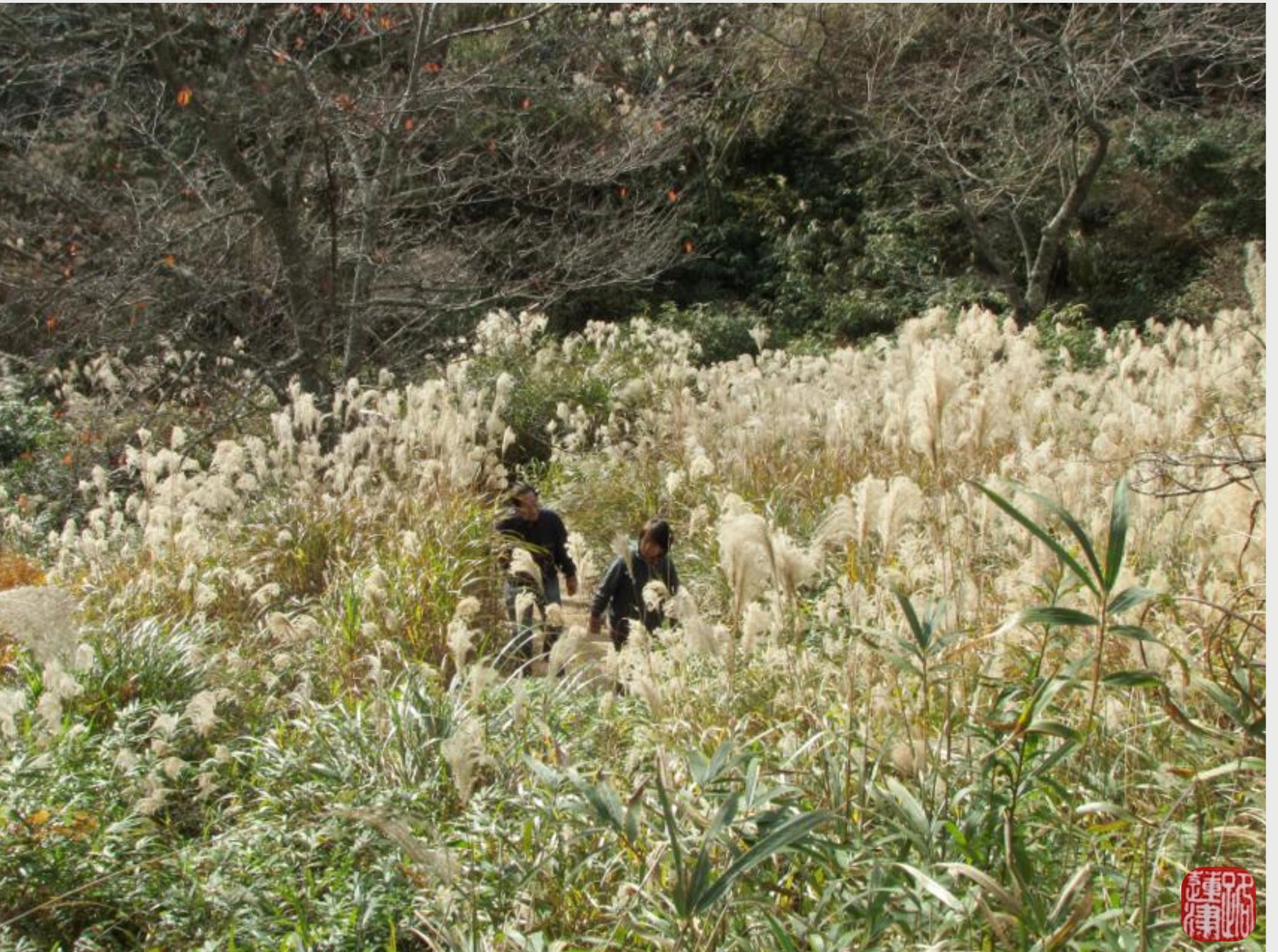
















THE SORAKUEN

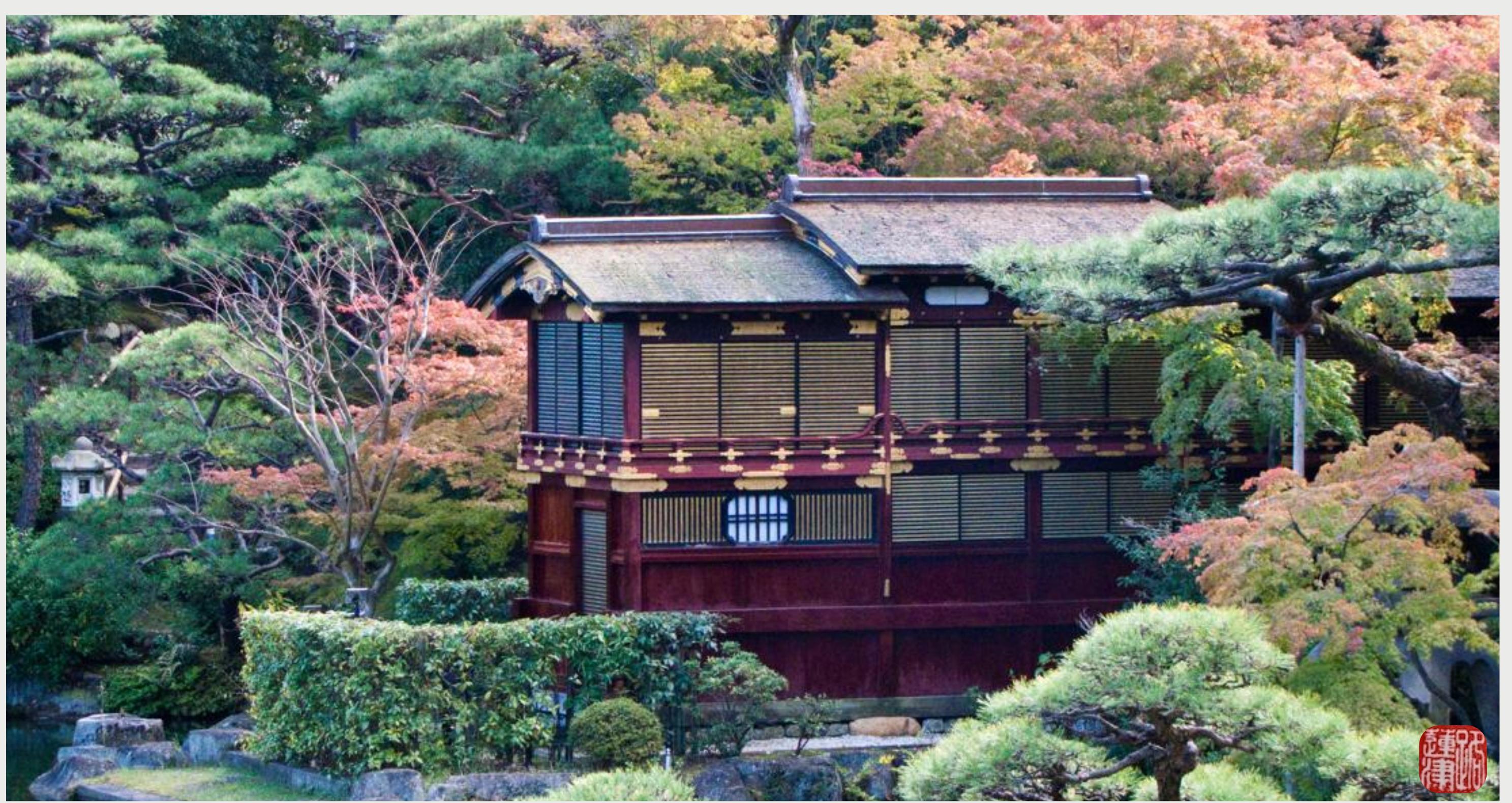
As far as Kobe urban parks are concerned, this alone boasts of a typical Japanese-style garden. The garden is located on the premises of the old residence of the late Mr. Kenkichi Kodera, a former mayor of kobe. Its construction was started by his father, Mr. Taijiro Kodera in 1885 and completed toward the end of the Meiji Era (1868-1912).

The layout of the Sorakuen is in conformity with that of classical Japanese gardens which consist of a lake, wooded areas and promenade lanes. However it has some open space as well on account of the European influence which was prevalent in Japan during the Meiji Era.

In olden days people called this place "Mr. Kodera's Residence" or "Sago Palm Garden". It was formally named "Sorakuen" after Mr. Kodera donated it to the City of Kobe in March 1941. It has become a settled practice since November of the same year to open this garden to the public.

Before world War II it had a magnificent dwelling house and supplementary buildings in its precincts. However most of these buildings were destroyed during the war. What remain now are the encircling walls the two entrances and the European-style stable (which was designated as one of Japan's important cultural assets in 1970).

To replace the building destroyed the late Mr. Hassam's house (designated also as one of the nation's important cultural assets in June, 1963) was reconstructed on these premises the "Sorakuen Hall" and a tea ceremony house were completed in October, 1963 and "Funayakata" which Mr. Ushio donated to the city was moved here in March 1980. These additions give the garden a unique picturesqueness. The magnificent beauty of the old camphor trees, sago palm shrubberies and stone-lanterns has been retained. The area of the Sorakuen is 19,566 squaremeters.

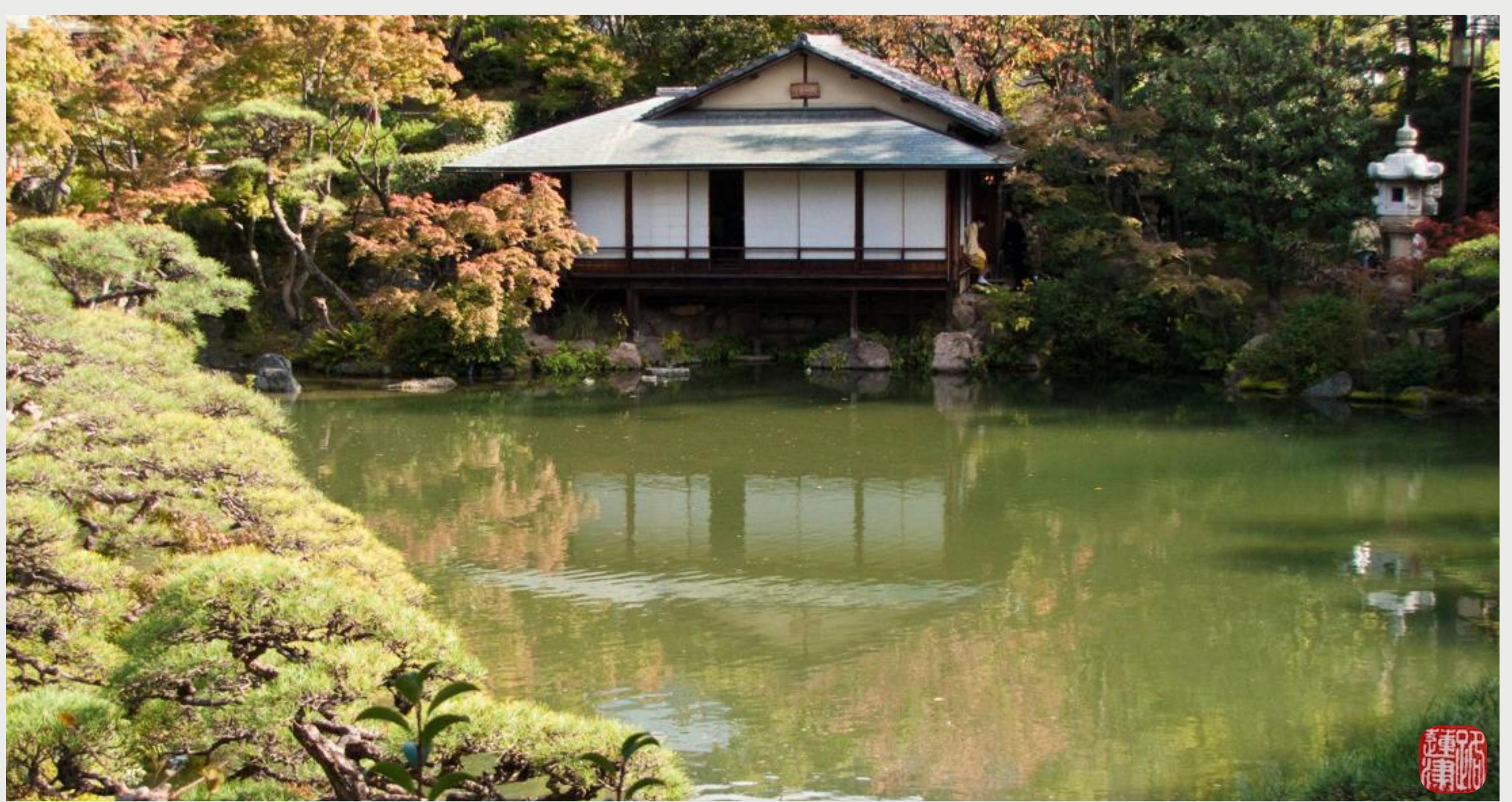






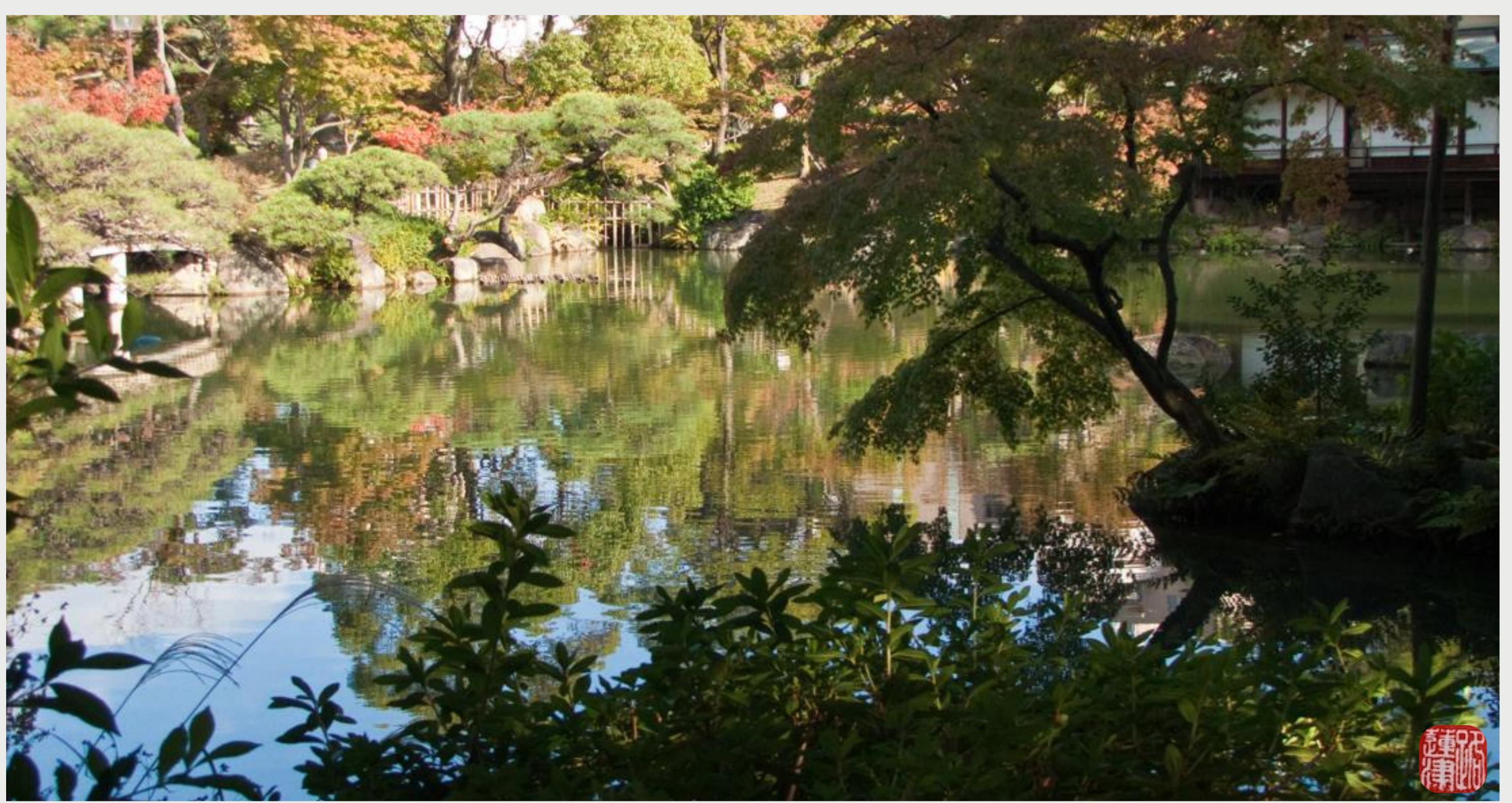
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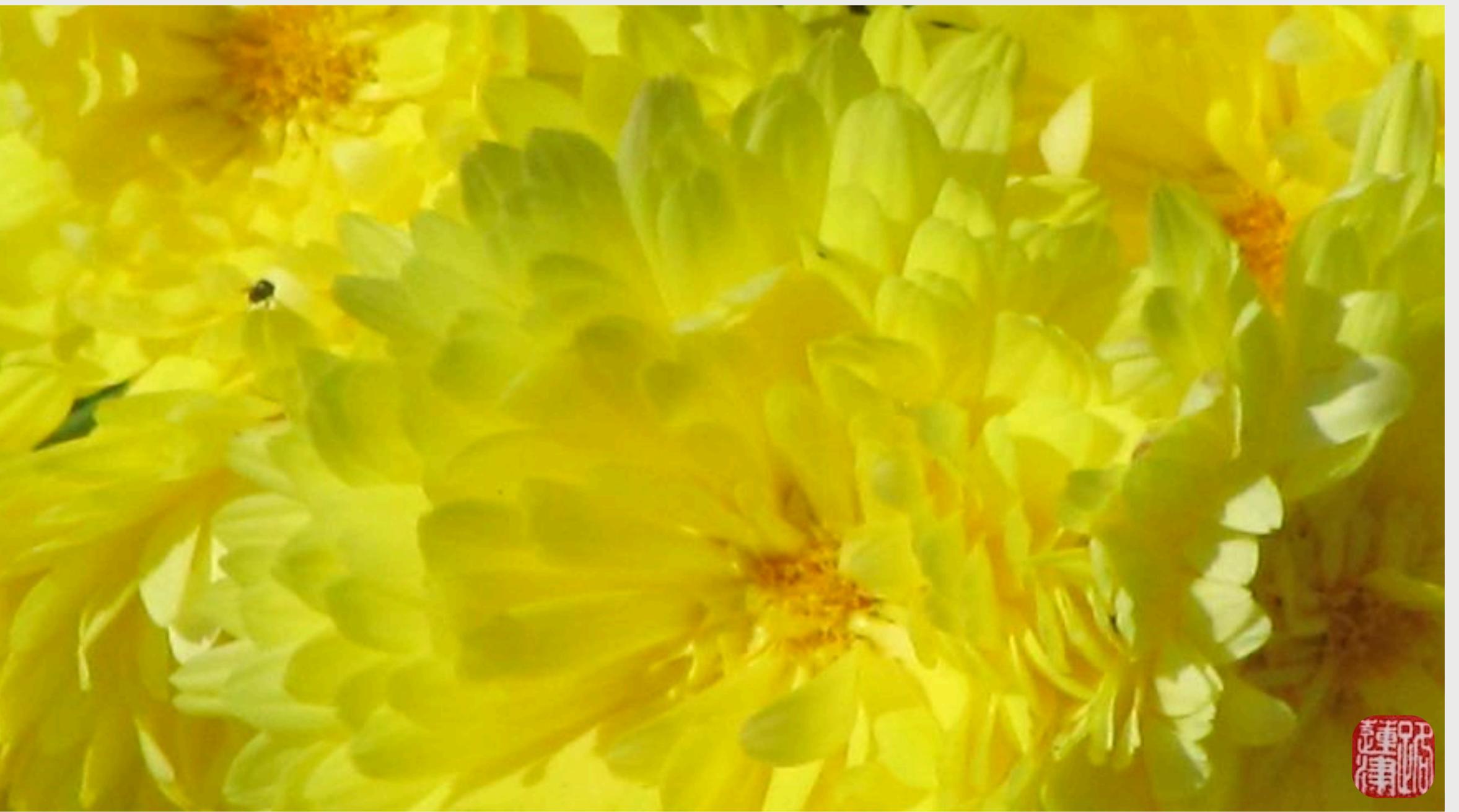
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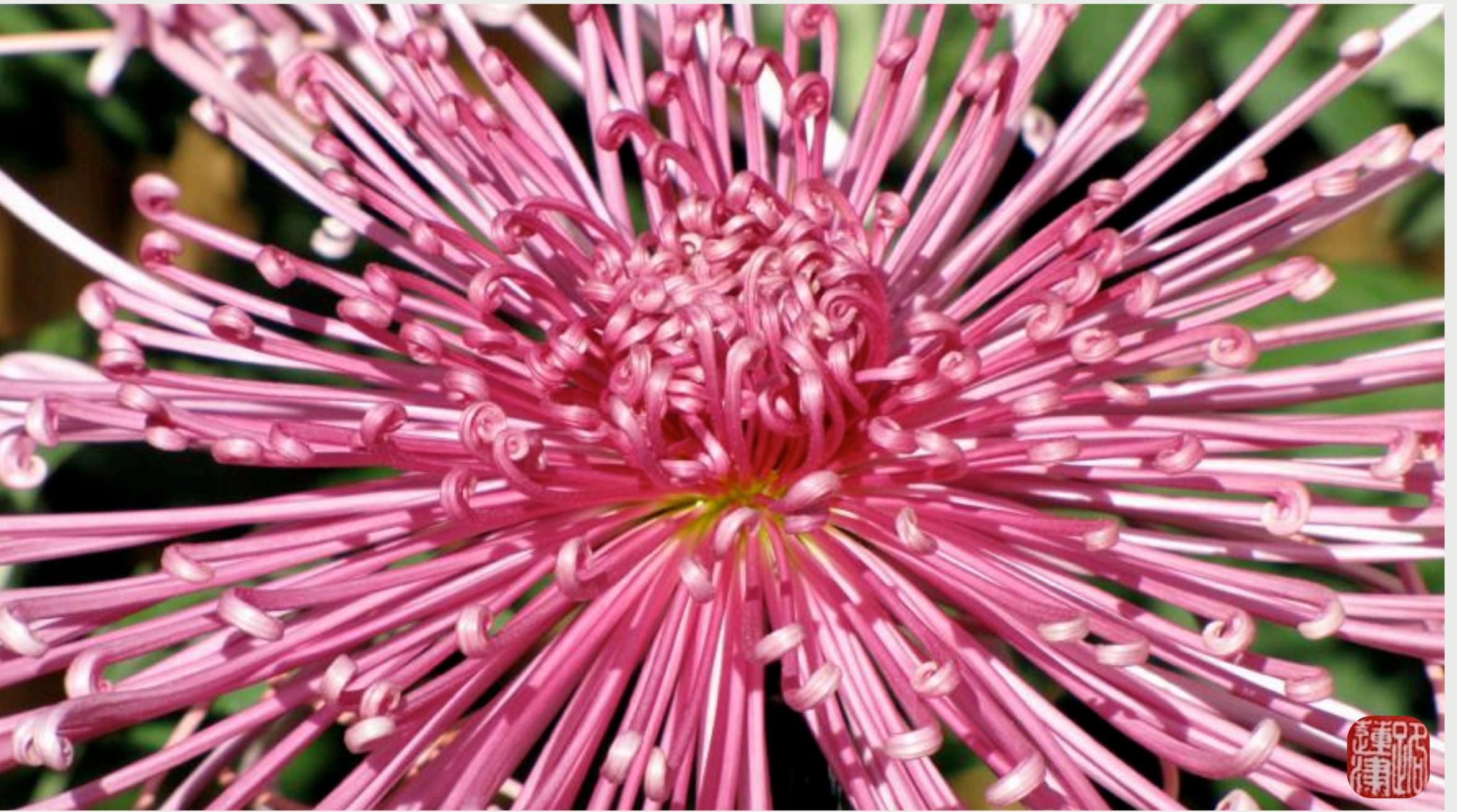


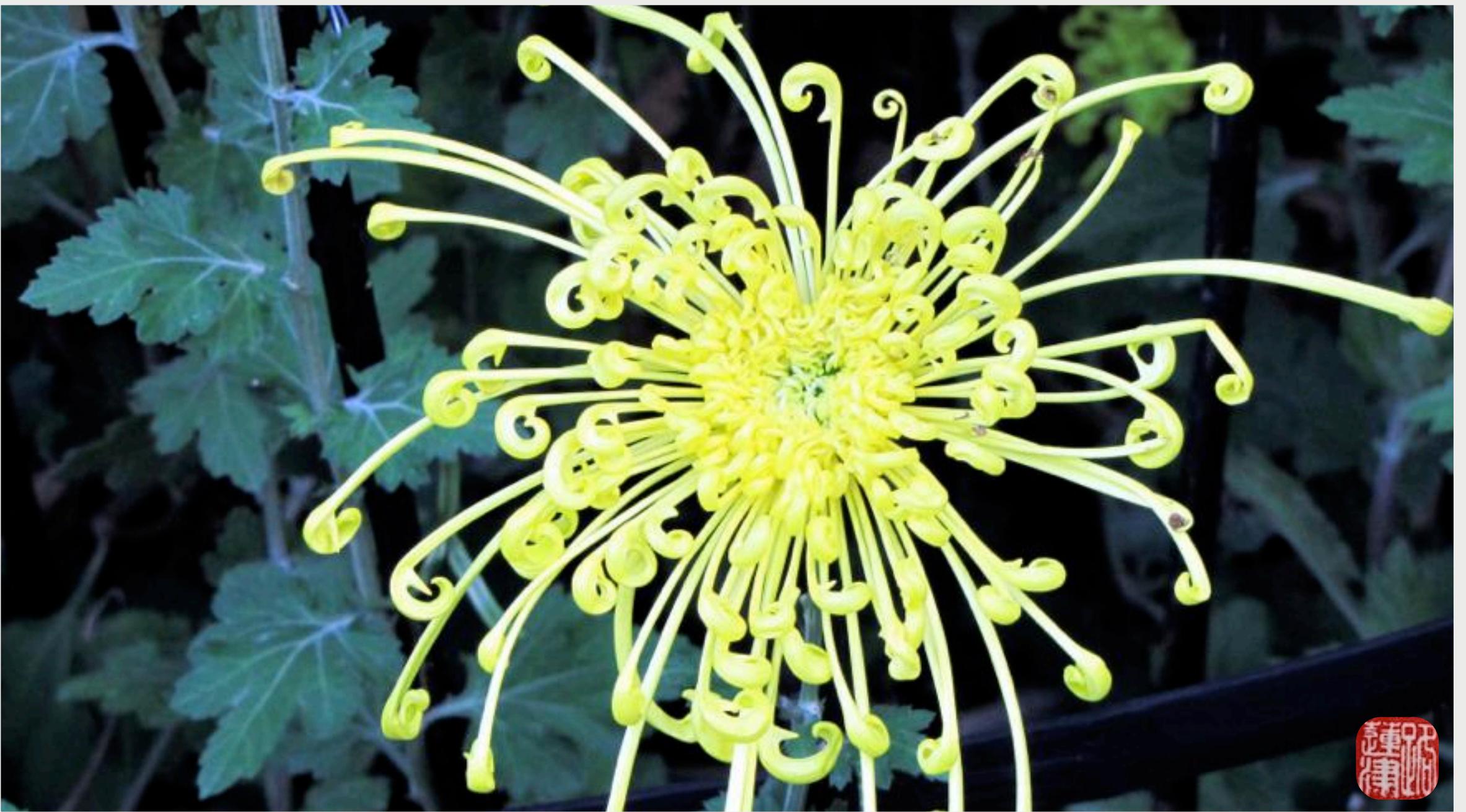


















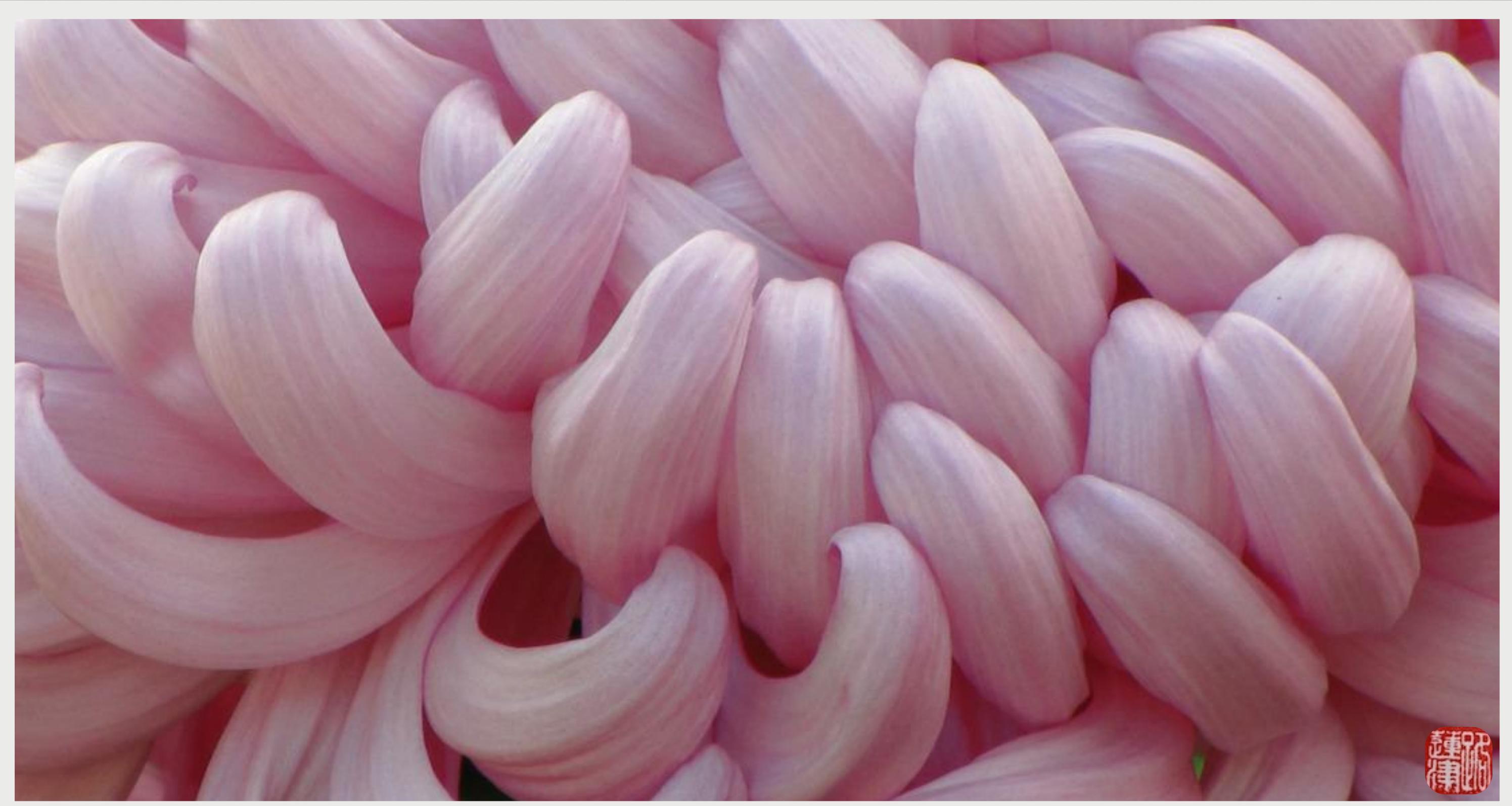


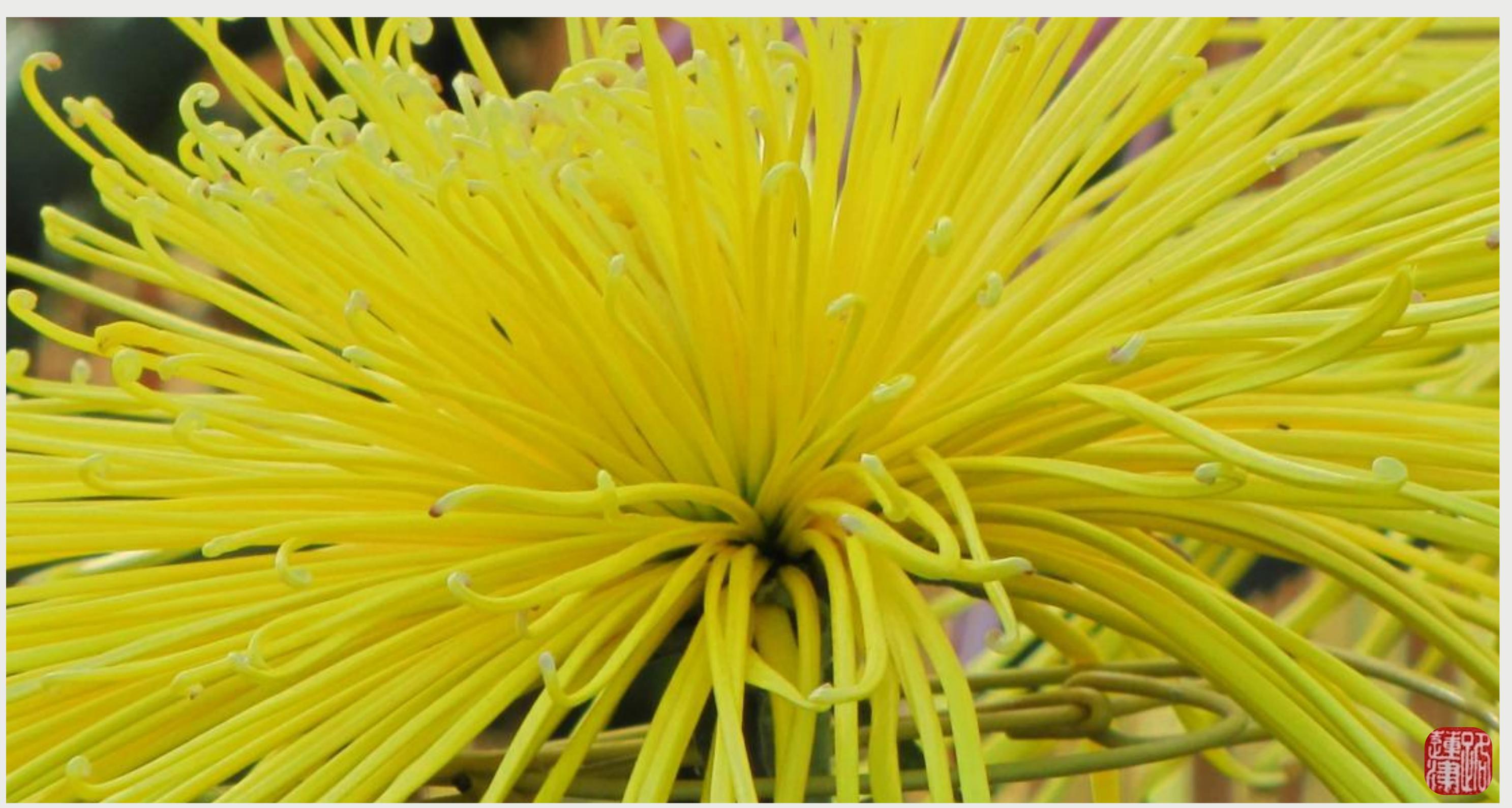


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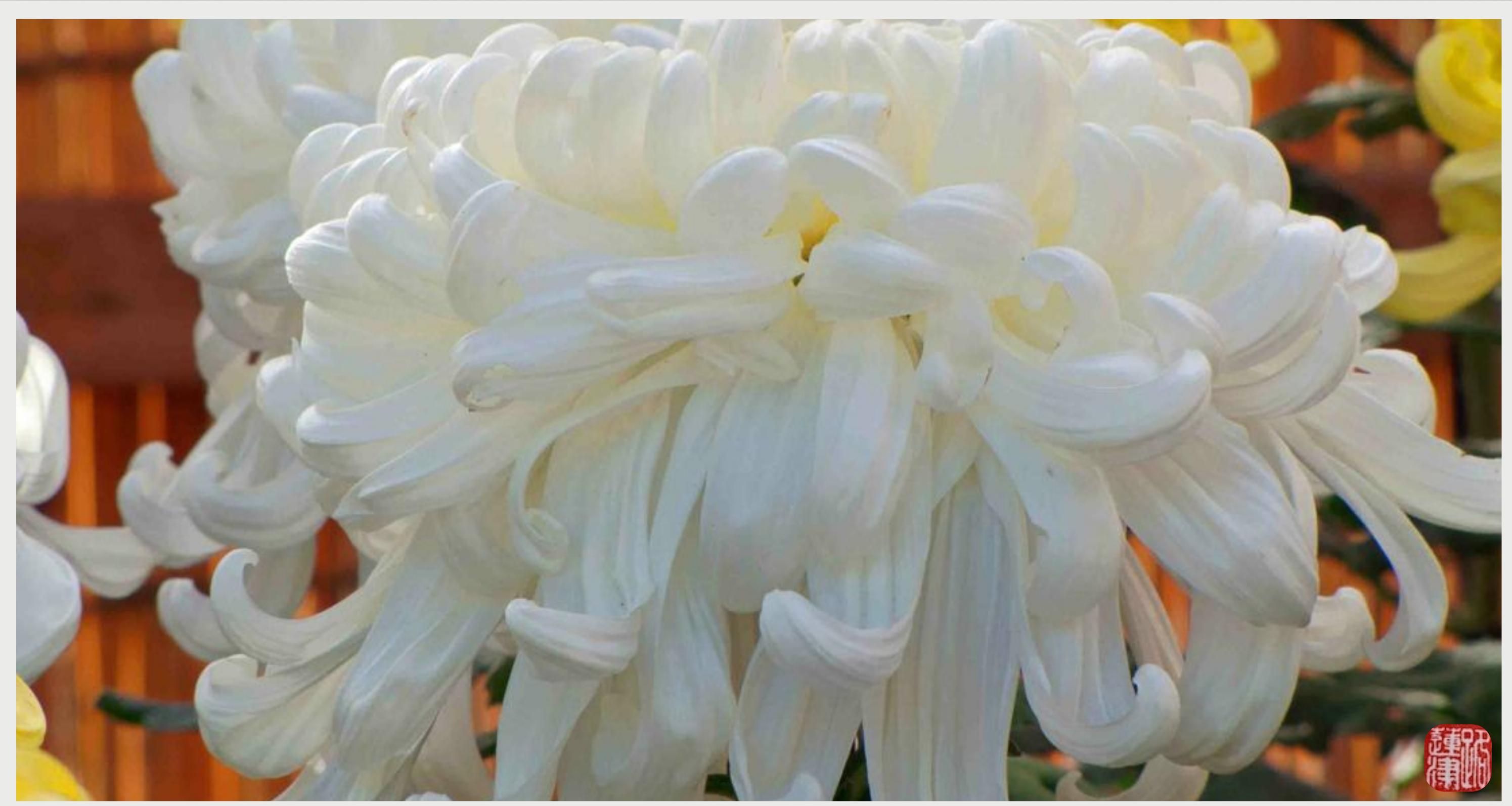








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