

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

January 2025

Happy New Year!!!

The dawn of a new year over flows with hope that invites us to reflect and to recreate ourselves anew.

This year, may we all find a connection to spirit that can guide and nurture us in our growth as a nation and as individuals.

Open your mind to new possibilities, discover the divine within yourself and empower yourself to achieving your goals and purpose in life



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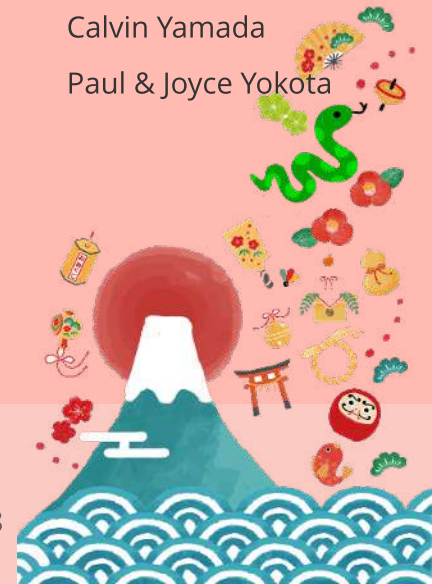
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CALENDAR

MAHALO

JCCH Ohana Fest

FEBRUARY

2 2 pm

Tsukinamisai & Setsubun

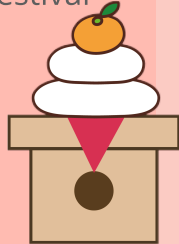
11 10 am - 4 pm

Plantation Village New Year
Festival

MARCH

2 2 pm

Sake Appreciation Festival



APRIL

5 10 am

Cleanup and prep

6 2 pm

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

3 pm

For your donations of
Rice • Sake • Fish

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The shrine participated in the annual Ohana New Years Festival sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii on Saturday, January 11.

This was the 32nd year that JCCH has offered local food, entertainment and cultural demonstrations.

The Ohana festival is a great way for the community to come together to celebrate the Japanese new year and Hawaii's cultural diversity. MAHALO JCCH for an awesome event !

MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

Bryson Goda
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Diane Nishida
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato



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MAHALO Volunteers

HATSUMODE PREP

Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Diane Nishida
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato

EARLY SELECTION

12/26 - 12/30

Renee Carlyle
Gayle Fujihara
Bryson Goda
Carolyn Haik
Kathy Hamada-Kwock
Stacie Hata
Milton Kwock
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Diane Nishida
Chris Omuro
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto

HATSUMODE

12/31 - 1/1

Andrew Aillagomez
Nate Chee
Brendan Choy
Dylan Choy
Emi Choy & Curtis
Bill Doughty
Keiko Doughty
Lizyl Failano
Eldon Foronda
Gayle Fujihara
Jeff Fujioka
Stephanie Gino

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**HATSUMODE
CLEANUP
1/2**

Kai Igarashi
Pam Igarashi
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Juston Isa
Calvin Mai

Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Rory Onishi
Stuart Pang
Gary Shinsato
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Naomi Teramoto



**HATSUMODE
1/3 - 1/5**

Jeff Fujioka
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida

Stuart Pang
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Sharon Toma



GOKITO Private Blessings

The first private blessing for 2025. May all of you be blessed in every phase of your life.

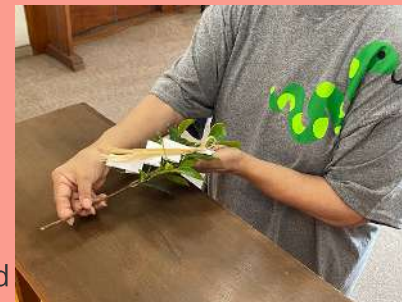


Generations came together for their annual Kanai Anzen family blessing on 1/12.



Milestone birthdays in Japanese culture are significant landmarks in our lives representing major transitions and stages of maturity.

A *Koki* or 70th birthday blessing was held on 1/12 to reflect on the journey traveled and to look ahead with optimism and gratitude.



TOSHI IWAI - special years

In Japanese culture, there are many passages of later life and rituals that support and guide those passages

Kanreki - 60 years of age signifies the onset of the senior years - a time when one returns to its original Chinese zodiac.

Koki - 70 years of age

Kiju - 77 years of age

Sanju - 80 years of age represents a lifetime of treasured experiences and notable achievements.

Beiju - 88 years of age, also known as the rice birthday is

a testament to over 8 decades of life and wisdom.

Sotsuju - 90 years of age is a momentous occasion that celebrates life and familial bonds

Hakuju - 99 years of age

Hyakuju (also known as Momoju) - 100 years of age is an extraordinary milestone, celebrating a century of memories and contributions.

GOKITO Private Blessings



Kanai Anzen Family Blessings continue throughout the month of January



A Car Blessing was performed on 1/18 for the new shrine car

SETSUBUN Bean Throwing and the Monthly Tsukinamisai

February 2 Sun
2:00 pm



Many Shinto shrines hold *O-oharae* or purification rituals twice a year. These rituals are said to have originated around 701 CE. It is documented in the *Taiho Ritsuryo* (Taiho Code) that the *O-oharae* rituals were designated as official imperial rituals

The *Toshikoshi no O-oharae* or yearend purification ritual held on New Year's eve is performed to disperse negative energies

accumulated over the second half of the year, pray for good health and to revitalize one's energy in the coming 6 months.

The yearend *Toshikoshi no O-oharae* ritual was held on December 31, right before midnight, in the presence of Diane Nishida, president of the shrine.



An inurnment was performed for a shrine friend at Honolulu Memorial Park on 1/18

MAINTENANCE



Yearend Cleanup



Several times a month, Olomea Street is strewn with illegal dumping and improper waste disposal. In recent years there has been an increase in construction and demolition debris.



Mahalo Nui Mike for repairing the french doors in the hall, in time for the new years activities.



Graffiti tends to increase during school summer and winter breaks.



Gutters of the hall building was given its annual cleaning

Year of the Wood Snake

In 2025, the Wood element dominates the energy of the year and symbolizes growth, progress, abundance and also challenges, obstacles and unexpected disasters. This year will also question our relationship with escape and sobriety, avoidance and accountability. Beware of kidney, bladder and sleep issues.

RAT - Stay positive in a challenging year and appreciate everything good in your life. Greed only leads to bad financial decisions.

OX - Restless year full of twists and turns. Stress will come from social interactions. Beware of accidents.

TIGER - Period of growth and fulfillment. Take care of your own needs and cultivate emotional stability.

RABBIT - Remain low-keyed and humble. Focus your energy on career development and increasing your income.

DRAGON - Challenging year in all aspects of your life. Use your talents to see beyond what others see. Boost your immune system and be mindful of accidents.

SNAKE - Extremely busy year which leaves little room for leisure and little opportunity for financial gain. Extra effort needed in health and relationships.

HORSE - The year will ignite your competitive spirit.

Work hard, as finances will be challenging.

SHEEP - Busy year with not much financial gain. Pay attention to stomach, intestine and digestive system issues.

MONKEY - Great interpersonal relationships. Possible surgery and injuries. Beware of issues with nose, bronchi, throat and lungs.

ROOSTER - Bit of ups and downs but with diligent pursuit of your goals, will reap a positive and satisfying year. New relationships will be impermanent.

DOG - Stop worrying about things that hasn't happened or things you can't change. Exercise caution in investments.

BOAR - Gratifying social and family life. Not a year to aggressively invest. Maintain a calm demeanor and think twice before taking action.

Those born in the years of the Snake, Monkey, Ox and Rooster should carry a Snake year omamori or wear our 2025 Snake T-shirt to alleviate some of the negative energies of the Wood Snake year. You can also display the 12 Zodiac figurines or *Shichifukujin* figurines in the Northeast corner of your home for a safe and peaceful year.