

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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donation of Matsuri
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CALENDAR



December

- 7 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mochi Making
- 15 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 26 9 am - 4 pm
2020 Omamoris available
- 31 11:30 pm
**Toshi koshi no O-harae
Yearend Purification Ritual**

January

- 1 Midnight - 4 pm
Hatsumode
- 19 1 pm
**Sagicho - burning of the old
Omamori**
- 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

MAHALO NUI volunteers! We couldn't have blessed 323 children this Shichigosan season without you - - the heart and soul of the shrine's events!

Thank you for wholeheartedly embracing our mission to share the endearing traditions of Shichigosan, Jusan Mairi and Totose no Oiwai with the greater community.

It isn't easy to work in the same spirit every Saturday and Sunday for over a month - thank you to Shinken, Marilyn, Craig, Diane N, Bryson, Stacie and Diane O, who have devoted their time and energies at every session.

Welcome Crew Guides

Shinken, Diane N, Marilyn, Reiko, Craig, Gary, Keng-Hsien

Thank you for creating a radically positive and nurturing environment for the children and for bridging the linguistic and cultural divide.

Kimono Dressing

Bryson, Stacie, Linda, Kathy, Gayle, Elaine, Diane O, Sharon, Lorraine, Jasmine, Naomi, Rayson, Bethany, Jenny, Atsuko

Mahalo for being the core of this event and helping to preserve and perpetuate the kimono culture

Sustenance

Gary, Linda, Diane N

Thank you Gary, Linda and Diane N for providing lunch at every session and Natoris of Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation for providing snacks throughout the event season

Volunteer Recruitment

Diane N, Yamaguchi-Sensei

Mahalo Nui to Diane N and Yamaguchi sensei of Kamehameha Schools for coordinating and scheduling volunteers

Kimono Maintenance

Linda, Diane N, Bryson, Diane O

Mahalo Nui to Linda, Diane N, Bryson and Diane O. for sharing their sewing skills and especially to Bryson for ironing all the juban and Linda for dry-cleaning all of the juban under garments

MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers

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Gokito Private Blessings



18 year-old Rayce has been coming to the shrine for a blessing since he was 3 years old.

His blessing on 11/3 was a bittersweet one as he'll be heading off to college after graduation next year. The Shichigosan volunteers looked forward to seeing Rayce and his mother every year as we witnessed his growth from a toddler to a high school athlete.

A ceremony was conducted on 10/29 for a long time shrine friend to express appreciation for a home which he painstakingly built decades ago but felt the need to downsize.



A prayer was composed by Rev. Takizawa expressing gratitude to the home which through its doors they welcomed friends and family, celebrated triumphs and joys and shared sorrows and fears - a home that marked the holidays and the milestones of their lives.

We honor with affection all those who crossed this threshold with them - that walked the floors and ran and danced in equal measure. As he bids farewell to the home, may he take with him the blessings lived in every room.



An exclusive Marathon Finisher's omamori will be given to hundreds of JALPAK clients participating in the Honolulu Marathon on 12/8.

This is the 8th year that the shrine has collaborated with JALPAK to create an event specific omamori. JALPAK has its origin in 1965 as the brand name for Japan's first overseas package tours offered by Japan Airlines.

The omamoris were consecrated in ritual by Rev Takizawa on November 19.

Chief Priest Nishitakatsuji and two priests from Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka flew in to perform a blessing at Iolani School.

The library at Iolani was named the Tsuzuki Education Group Library and will continue to provide students with a quiet place to study and do research.

Iolani School and the Tsuzuki Education Group entered a formal agreement on November 18, to



form an educational partnership.

Last year, the Group that is based in Fukuoka, entered a formal agreement with the University of Hawaii to advance collaborative education and research.

The Tsuzuki Education Group includes more than 20 private universities and colleges, 2 English Immersion Schools, 8 High Schools

and 5 Kindergartens and nurseries in multiple locations across Japan.

Earlier this year, the Group purchased 2 buildings in Waikiki to provide housing for their exchange students. A blessing was held in one of the buildings on November 19.

Mahalo Nui to Rev. Takizawa for assisting in planning and logistics and providing transport and setup of the equipment and supplies for the blessings.



View photos at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

Maintenance



The annual cleaning of the meeting room air conditioner was done by Air Conditioning Essentials on 11/3.

Professional cleaning and maintenance must be performed to clean traffic pollution from H-1 that accumulates in the compressor and clogs the air conditioning unit with ultrafine particles, nitric oxide and hydrocarbon.

Hatsumode New Years blessing is right around the corner. Please consider spending a few hours this New Years helping out at the shrine.

Volunteers Needed

Asst Priest (performs Blessings for shrine visitors. Must wear kimono)

12/31 10:00 pm - 1/1 4 pm

Ozoni Team (grill mochi, serve ozoni mochi soup, clean tables)

12/31 10:00 pm - 2:30 am

1/1 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Volunteer Services (prep catered food for volunteer lunches, clean up after lunch)

1/1 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

1/2 9:00am - 2:00 pm

We Need Help!!

Contact Irene at:
kotohira@hawaiiantel.net

Traffic Control (pass out flyers for offsite parking)

12/31 11:00 pm - 3:00 am

1/1 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Omamori Booth (cashiers, baggers)

12/31 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

1/1 Midnight - 4:00 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/3 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/4 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/5 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saisen Booth (Give change, fill Saisen box)

12/31 10:00 pm - 3:00 am

1/1 8:30 am - 4:00 pm