



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha

Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

OCTOBER 2021

A house blessing was performed for a beautiful home surrounded by lush foliage in Nuuanu on December 11.

The land and home was symbolically purified and cleansed of old residual energies, making way for positive and a balanced atmosphere of peace, protection and happiness.

Residual energies - positively or

negatively charged are often left behind from former tenants of a home.

One way to purify the premises is to leave natural salt in a dish and place it in the home.

For the exterior, salt or sand can be scattered around the perimeter of the house. Sacred salt and sand may be obtained at the shrine.



DONATIONS

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OREI MAIRI



Congratulations Irina on your acceptance to the University of Massachusetts Amherst !

Irina requested an *Orei Mairi* or the formal act of giving thanks to a shrine for the realization of her prayers. The *Orei Mairi* was performed by Rev. Takizawa on behalf of Irina on October 12.

Ganbatte and best wishes as you embark on your new journey.

SHICHIGOSAN

The annual Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai and Jusan Mairi Blessings began on October 17.

Blessings will be limited to one family per 30 minutes with a total of 8 people including children, in the shrine.

Masks are required for entry into the dressing area and the shrine. Temperatures will be taken for all participating in the Shichigosan Blessing, including guests.

We are able to offer *Chitose-ame* from Japan this year unlike 2020 when the postal service was fraught with problems and limitations.



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu was the first to initiate a Shichigosan Blessing with complimentary kimono rental and dressing in hopes of perpetuating a tradition that is spiritually enriching and culturally exciting.



Since 1994, the shrine has blessed over 8,500 children, a feat only possible through the tireless devotion of our Directors, Officers and volunteers.

A heartfelt Mahalo goes out to shrine officers and Natori instructors from Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation for their kokua weekend after weekend - greeting families, dressing children, serving as guides, greeters, cleaning and sanitizing the shrine interior, kimono and accessories and dressing room and preparing lunch.

We are fully booked for the 2021 season. Please mark your calendars for 2022.

Reservations will be accepted from September 1, 2022 for blessings on October 23 - November 20, 2022.



MAHALO SHICHIGOSAN VOLUNTEERS

Bryson Goda
Kathy Hamada Kwock
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Milton Kwock
Marilyn Naitoh
Milena Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto
Jasmine Umeno



SHICHIGOSAN

Shichigosan is said to have originated in the Heian Period (794 - 1185) among court nobles who celebrated the passage of their children into middle childhood.

Over time, their tradition passed onto the samurai class who added a number of rituals.

Children who were required by custom to have shaven heads until 3, were allowed to grow their hair out in a ritual called *Kamitoki*.

The *Hakamagi* ritual allowed boys of 5 to wear a *hakama* for the first time, while girls of 7 replaced the simple cords used to tie their kimono with a traditional obi in the *Obitoki* ritual.

By the Meiji Period, (1868 - 1912), the practice was adopted by commoners and included visiting a shrine to wish for a healthy life and *Chitose-ame* or Thousand-year old candy which represents healthy growth and longevity.

TOTOSE NO OIWAI

Totose no Oiwai, literally "10 year old celebration" 10 year-old children are on the verge of many changes in almost all aspects of their lives.

At 10 years of age, children are already developing an increasing sense of who they are in the world. Many are preparing for the start of middle school and are getting ready to navigate new social settings.

Celebrate their milestone with a *Totose no Oiwai* blessing to acknowledge and embrace the physical, emotional, cognitive and social changes associated with puberty.



JUSAN MAIRI

Jusan Mairi or "13-year old Blessing" marks the first complete cycle of the Chinese zodiac for the first time since their birth.

This coming of age ceremony is an anticipated celebration for those who are moving from childhood to adulthood.

The *Jusan Mairi* blessing is meant to bless the teen with 13 key virtues:

Authenticity, Creativity, Curiosity, Flexibility, Generosity, Humility, Integrity, Maturity, Purity, Responsibility, Spirituality, Tenacity and Unity.

An old Japanese superstition claims the teen receiving a *Jusan Mairi* blessing should not turn back to look at the shrine after the blessing has been completed.

It is a reminder that nothing is certain in life. Anyone has the ability to do amazing things; just don't let your past control where you need to go and your future success.

MAINTENANCE

The annual cleaning and maintenance of the shrine's split air conditioners were performed on 10/13 by Air Conditioning Essentials. Mahalo Reuben and crew for maintaining the air conditioners at optimum levels,



Mahalo Art for keeping the shrine debris free

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1 - 21 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Shichigosan



26 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
HECO will be replacing an electric pole on Kama Lane, resulting in a power outage from 8 am - 3:30 pm

DECEMBER

12 3:00 pm (INTERNAL)
Tsukinami-sai Service

26 - 31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Saisaki-mode
Saisaki-mode offers an opportunity prior to January 1 to express our gratitude and to pray for a new year full of hope, healing and health.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Early Selection of Omamori
12/26 - 12/30 Basement Room
12/31 Hall

30 5:00 pm
Hatsumode cleanup & Prep

\$120 M Sewer Rehab Project

The City has completed the first phase of a major sewer rehabilitation project that requires the tearing up of major thoroughfares in the area.

The \$120 million endeavor entails installing more than 6,000 feet of gravity flow trunk sewer lines down Waiakamilo Road.

Part 1 spans from Nimitz Highway to Dillingham Boulevard and the second portion, which has been ongoing since August, extends the sewer line to School Street.

The project construction will install the new trunk sewer pipes and other sewer pipes to make connections, and new sewer manholes by both open trench excavation and subsurface

microtunnel methods.

The work that is being done in September thru November are:

- Removal of underground obstructions.
- Installation of new sewer lines by open trenching, including trench restoration.
- Installation of new sewer manholes and restoration of manhole installation shafts.
- Finishing within new sewer manholes.
- Restoration of landscaped medians.
- Abandonment of existing sewer lines and manholes



Photo of Houghtailing going towards King Street with 20B Exit to the left



Photo of the Olomea/Houghtailing intersection showing left turn onto Olomea from Houghtailing