Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



E Komo Mai to our friends from Osaka who visit the shrine for a blessing, several times a year.

MAHALO for your generous Donations

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The Harvest Moon on 10/26 lit up the sky for a short moment, during a night of torrential rain

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1 8 am (Internal)

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

1 - 15 9:30 am - 3 pm

Shichigosan, Totose-no-Oiwai, Jusan Mairi

15 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Last day of Shichigosan

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cleanup & restore meeting room



DECEMBER

6 2 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

(Last Tsukinamisai of 2026)

GOKITO Private Blessings

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A private blessing was performed for shrine friends.

Wishing you days filled with laughter, light and great moments of joy!



Remembrance ceremonies were performed for shrine friends, whose Reiji tablets are enshrined at the shrine.

Friends that passed in October are Kell Komatsubara and Tei Takizawa.





The first Shichigosan Blessing of 2026 was performed on 10/8 for a 5 year-old child from Texas. The family was elated to be able to observe the traditions of Shichigosan on U.S. soil.

SHICHIGOSAN

Cleanup and preparations were done on 10/17 ~ 10/25 for the annual Shichigosan blessings. The 2026 Shichigosan season begins on 11/1.

MAHALO Volunteers

10/17 & 10/25
Arden Isa
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Marilyn Naitoh





CHITOSEAME

We are again able to gift children with Chitoseame!!!

This year's Chitoseame was hand carried by Marilyn Naitoh and Rev. Takizawa from Japan, as we are still unable to import *Chitose Ame* candy.

Japan Post has suspended mailing packages to the U.S. because of the end of its duty-free exemptions.

The suspension affects individual gifts over $100 and commercial goods.

Chitoseame or One Thousand Year Old candy is an auspicious glutinous candy given to children during their Shichigosan blessing signifying healthy growth.



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The shrine's video surveillance system captured an unknown male entering the shrine around 9:40 am on October 29, 2026.

He proceeded to walk to the Kotohira-side Saisen Offering box and began attempting to gain access into the locked box.

Rev. Takizawa was whacking weeds behind the Hall and began walking back to the shrine when he saw the male in question exit the shrine.

Instinctively feeling the male was there for questionable purposes other than a shrine visit, he began to approach the stranger.

The male then ran out of the property onto Olomea Street with Rev. Takizawa in pursuit. The male jumped onto his moped and sped off towards Honolulu Ford.

HPD was called, license plate shared and a report filed.





MAINTENANCE

Tony Torres of Plumbing Kings of Hawaii repaired the leaking toilet and latrine in the basement meeting room on 10/9.

The leak was around both handles of the tankless toilet and latrine, which was caused by a worn and misaligned handle mechanism and a loose handle nut inside the tank which allows water to seep out when the toilet is flushed.

The water was shut off, then the toilet was flushed to drain most of the water from the tank. A wet vacuum was used to remove the remaining water.

The tank to bowl bolts and the locknut under the tank was removed. The valve was replaced and the reverse steps were taken to reassemble the valve.

The same was done for the latrine.



Suzu or bells are round, hollow bells that contain pellets that sound when shaken.

Suzu is associated with Shinto shrines while *Kane* is related to Buddhist temples.

The shrine's Suzu bells were stripped, cleaned and polished.

