

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha

Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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Shichigosan 2022

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Jusanya or the Hunter's moon looks magical behind the clouds. *Jusanya* is the first full moon following the harvest moon.

Jugoya or the Harvest moon is the full moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox.

Jugoya is an ancient tradition originating in China whereas *Jusanya* is only observed in Japan.



GOKITO Private Blessings



Shubun no Hi fell on 9/22 this year and is a day to honor, respect and express gratitude to our ancestors and the departed.

On this day, the sun rose exactly in the east and set exactly in the west, making

day and night equal in length.

In Japanese culture, ritual care for our ancestors is both a social obligation and religious practice. A Memorial service was held for all those interred at the shrine.

A long-distance *Anzan Kigan* or Safe Birth Blessing was performed on September 30 - - the day of the Dog.

The Japanese have compared easy birth to a dog's delivery which is said to be relatively easy.

Thus, many pregnant women visit a shrine on the Day of the Dog for a Safe Birth Blessing.

The most famous shrine for Safe Birth is Suitengu in Kurume, Fukuoka. Another popular shrine is its branch shrine in Nihonbashi, Tokyo.

Suitengu, was established in Kurume in

1190 CE as the deity of water and all connected to water, such as bodies of water, oceans, lakes, rivers, springs, wells, businesses and occupations connected to water and child birth.

Suitengu is one of the 7 shrines here at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu.



Gokito Private Blessings



An annual Family Blessing was performed for these shrine friends on September 29.



A long distance blessing was performed for Akiko, a 12-year old Shitzu who was just diagnosed with cancer in her abdomen.



A House Blessing was held for a home in Manoa. on 10/6.

Ie-barai House Blessings promotes spiritual healing for your residence. Welcome the energies of prosperity and harmony and surround yourself with peace, light and clarity.

MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers

10/8 Prepping Giveaways

Marilyn Naitoh Gary Shinsato
Shinken Naitoh Linda Shinsato
Diane Nishida



10/16 Cleanup & Prep

Art Isa Arthur Isa Jr



10/21 Cleanup & Prep

Craig Nishida Gary Shinsato
Diane Nishida Linda Shinsato



The shrine was not able to offer hair styling this year due to continuing safety protocols of the Department of Health.

Mahalo Nui to shrine VP **Diane Nishida** for crafting and donating hair decorations to give to girls celebrating Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai and Jusan Mairi at the shrine.

SHICHIGOSAN

Keng Hsien Chao

Bryson Goda

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Kathy Hamada Kwock

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Marilyn Naitoh

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Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

Jasmine Umeno



As COVID continues to linger in our islands, the shrine is so appreciative of

the volunteers that have helped the shrine the past 3 years to meet the

evolving needs of the community with a safe and culturally exciting Shichigosan.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

5 - 20 9 am - 3 pm

Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi

6 3:00 pm (INTERNAL)

Tsukinami-sai

DECEMBER

4 2:00 pm (INTERNAL)

Tsukinami-sai

26 9 am - 3:30 pm

Saisaki Mode (Early Hatsumode) & Omamori Early Selection

30 4:30 pm

Hatsumode Cleanup & preparations

MAINTENANCE

Hawaii's sun-soaked urban core is experiencing escalating heat.

The split air conditioners and condensers were given its annual cleaning and maintenance on 10/13 by Reuben and crew at Air Conditioning Essentials.



Plumbing issues plague old buildings and the shrine has been experiencing its share of issues.

The toilet in the basement meeting room suddenly began spewing a fountain of water from the tank bolts which is usually a sign that the pipe is cracked and

leaking underground.

Two plumbing companies were called in to give quotes for both trenching and epoxy lining.

In both instances, a snake was run through the pipe but encountered clogged debris about 2 feet in.



Hydroblast equipment



Underground Sump pump



Project 1 began with the hydroblasting of the clogged pipe to give clear vision to the integrity of the cast iron pipes. The sump pump in the basement was also cleared of debris.

The pipes weren't cracked but was severely

clogged with mineral deposits. The camera also detected a hairline crack.

The toilet in the women's bathroom was removed, and the pipe was temporarily capped until a decision is made for the fate of the pipes.