

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

August 2022

FLU CLINIC

Flu viruses evolve so quickly, last year's vaccine may not protect you from this year's viruses.



**Get your
FLU SHOT**

AT THE SHRINE

**9/10/2022 Saturday
11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

**Times
Pharmacy**

When you get vaccinated, your immune system produces antibodies to protect you from the viruses included in the vaccine.

Both the Regular Flu Vaccine (formulated for the 2022-2023 Flu Season) and Senior Dose (High-Dose Quadrivalent) will be offered.

The shrine will be offering a Flu Clinic coordinated by Times Pharmacy on September 10 (Saturday) from 11 am - 12:30 pm.

**If you are interested, please contact the shrine at:
(808) 841-4755 or
kotohira@hawaiiantel.net.**

The Flu shot is no cost to you with most insurance.

WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE FLU VACCINE:

- Infants younger than 6 months
- Those with severe, life threatening allergies
- Those who have had a severe reaction to the Flu Vaccine

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保険がある人は、ほとんどの場合一年に一回無料で受けられますので、是非9月10日(土) 11 am ~ 12:30 pm 当社でインフルエンザの予防接種をお受けください。

普通用と高齢者用(60歳からの方)のに種類のワクチンがありますので、予約の際、ご希望のワクチンの種類をお知らせ下さい。

DONATIONS

Emery Akina
Preston Chibana
Bill & Keiko Doughty
Jon & Chika Fujinaka
Bryson Goda
Kent & Lila Harada
Rodney & Sharon Isa
James & Melba Kurashige
Edith Mari
Steve Miwa
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Scott Nakamura
Craig & Diane Nishida
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Lawrence & Claire Shiroma
Robert Stallings
Koji Sugahara
Naomi Teramoto
Allison Treanor
Gordon Wong



A reception was held on 8/4 in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of Hawaii's Sister State relationship with Fukuoka.

Governor George Ariyoshi, whose father immigrated from Fukuoka initiated the first Sister-State relationship for Hawaii in 1980.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 8:30 am**
RESERVATIONS taken for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi, Seijin Shiki
- 4 2:00 pm (INTERNAL)**
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival
- 10 11 am - 12:30 pm**
Flu Clinic (open to the public)

OCTOBER

- 23 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi, Seijin Shiki
- 2 pm (INTERNAL)**
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 23, 29, 30 9:30 am - 3 pm**
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, etc

GOKITO Private Blessings

An interment ceremony was performed for former VP of the shrine, Bob Harada who passed away on September 14, 2018.

Bob is interred at Honolulu Memorial Park. Thank you Bob, for coming into our lives.



A *Gokito* private blessing was performed for a couple wanting to acknowledge and express gratitude for the goodness in their lives.

They feel the sources of this goodness lies outside of themselves - - whether to others, nature or a higher power.

Mahalo for being such an inspiration.



A 60th birthday is a unique milestone in Japanese culture. *Virtual Kanreki* blessings were performed for twins - one in Tokyo and the other in Maryland.

Due to time differences and their schedules, we were not able to Zoom them simultaneously. Separate blessings were performed at different times on 8/11.

GOKITO Private Blessings



Tsukinamisai is still performed internally until the end of the year.

Mahalo Nui Akiko for the *Daifuku Mochi* at the August *Tsukinamisai* monthly service !

An annual House Blessing was performed for the founding family of Otaki Jinja - one of the seven shrines on the property.

Otaki Jinja was established in Otake City, Hiroshima in 597. A *gobunrei* was brought to Hawaii in 1930 by Teiichi Sugimoto and enshrined at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha.

The supporting organization - Otaki Jinja Hosan-Kai was

formed by the 129 *Issei* families from Otake City to perpetuate their spiritual traditions.



Otaki Jinja 25th Anniversary festival held on October 23, 1955

SHICHIGOSAN

It's that time of the year - reservations for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi and Seijin Shiki will be accepted online from **September 1**.

Please visit our website www.jinja.us for details as procedures have changed since COVID.

We no longer accept reservations by phone, fax or Email.

A confirmation email or text will be sent to you within 24 hours of receipt of your online reservation and donation.



Special Blessing includes: Gokito Blessing, Omamori, Chitose ame, Goodie bag, Complimentary kimono rental and dressing Donation \$65 **We do not take photographs or videos**

Our kimono dressing is a complimentary service provided by the shrine and its volunteers to preserve and perpetuate the Japanese kimono culture.

The selection of kimono for each child on the day and time of the appointment depends on the day's available supply and proper fittings for the child's age, height and arm length.

Selections proper for each child are made by the volunteer staff at the time of appointment.

Department of Health regulations have not changed since 2020. As such:

- We are NOT able to offer hair, makeup or the use of *kanzashi* hair ornaments. Please style your child's hair **before** arriving for your reserved time
- All children are to be dressed in a thin V-neck or round neck T-shirt or tank top. No crew neck T-shirts. Please also wear shorts without any belts or bulky belt loops.

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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.

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*, while girls of 7 replaced the simple cords used to tie their kimono with a traditional obi in the *Obitoki* ritual.



TOTOSE NO OIWAI

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

At 10, 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.

KEI TRUCKS

They're somewhat of a novelty here in Honolulu, however Japanese mini trucks or *Kei Trucks* may eventually be as prevalent in urban and suburban Hawaii as they are in Japan and Southeast Asia.

Hawaii State government does not certify the safety of the *Kei Truck* as they were never sold in the US.

At this time, JDM Hawaii, a few doors down from the shrine is able to get the *Kei Truck* registered by getting it past vehicle reconstruction inspection, safety check, weighed and have the VIN numbers verified.

The *Kei Truck* comes in rear-wheel or four-wheel drive

versions and is built to satisfy the *Kei Jidosha* (Light vehicle) class in Japan.



The *Kei Truck* or *Kei Tora* gets between 30- 40 miles per gallon, depending on the model.

The max speed on the *Kei Trucks* are about 55 mph and is perfect for getting around city streets.

There are several manufacturers that produce the *Kei Truck* - - Mitsubishi, Mazda, Honda, Suzuki, etc and are a familiar sight in Japan and other parts of Asia.

It maneuvers well in densely populated urban areas with limited space and parking.

Besides having a relatively low list price, *Kei trucks* or cars in Japan qualifies for lower taxes and less expensive insurance rates than regular sized cars. The cost of operating a *Kei truck* or car is significantly lower and is fuel efficient.

There is also no need to produce advance of purchase, any documentation to confirm a garage or carport connected to

KEI TRUCKS

your home or a monthly parking facility to park your car.



A typical *Kei* Truck is about 10 feet long, five feet high, four feet wide and the bed around six feet long.

They're also equipped with typical things like blinkers, headlights, windshield-wipers, seatbelts, AC, etc.

Many are with 35-45 horsepower and is popular for use in rural

areas where farmers can feed cattle out of the *Kei* Truck much cheaper than out of a one-ton feed truck.

It is also widely used throughout Asia in agriculture, fisheries, construction and even for firefighting.

Japan has stringent emissions standards and when a vehicle gets over 50,000 miles, its taxed heavily to give people the incentive to buy newer vehicles that meet the emissions standards.

Due to the Progressive tax on used vehicles in Japan, many used trucks arrive in excellent condition with very low mileage.

Under the US Imported Vehicle Safety Compliance Act, vehicles



older than 25 years are prohibited from importation into the US without undertaking a lengthy and costly testing and federalization process to keep American drivers safe. The process is less stringent for new *Kei* Trucks.

To date, the demand is seemingly outrunning the supply and container loads of used *Kei* Trucks are being imported into the US.

MAINTENANCE



This vehicle was parked on Olomea at around 3:00 am on 7/26.

There were documents with a multitude of different names strewn all around and inside the vehicle. The vehicle had no license plates.

Seemingly suspicious, HPD was called.

According to HPD, the vehicle was reported stolen a few days earlier and its original license plates were removed and replaced with temporary paper plates from Windward Nissan.

The vehicle was towed and the male that was sleeping in the car was taken away via an HPD patrol vehicle.



Weeding at the break of dawn

There has been a feral cat problem on Kama Lane for a few years.

Cat feces must be picked up daily and cat repellent scattered around the shrine on a monthly basis.

Since the repellent is all-natural, it takes a while to train cats to stay clear of treated areas.

