

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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The annual blessing of Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation was performed on February 29

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The *Setsubun* ritual involves the expelling of evil spirits by tossing roasted soybeans out of the home while saying "*fuku wa uchi, oni wa soto*" or fortune in and demons out. Soybeans are also thrown in the house for family members to pick up and eat a number equivalent to their age to ensure health and luck.

*Setsubun* was observed on Sunday, February 9 from 3:00 pm at the shrine. Mahalo to Vice President **Diane Nishida** for taking on the role of *Oni* ogre.



# Annual Kanreki & Yakudoshi Blessings

The annual special group blessing for Kanreki and Yakudoshi celebrants was performed on 2/9



## MAHALO Volunteers

Keng-Hsien Chao  
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In Asian cultures, the aging process is celebrated with the honor and recognition it deserves.

Kanreki is a time to re-evaluate our lives, when we may begin to face our mortality, get serious about what we want our lives to be about, make transformative changes and affirm a sense of gratitude for the goodness and richness of our years.

The 60s also heralds the need for us to cultivate new relationships to our bodies.

Kanreki is a time to:

- take stock of how life is working for you
- let go of what no longer serves you
- make transformative changes
- create your legacy

The Kanreki blessing can be wonderfully life-affirming. Instead of seeing the 60s as a time of loss, see it as a time to listen to the callings of your soul.

Rituals like Kanreki blessings are used to mark significant transitions in later life.

# Gokito Private Blessings



A Car Blessing was performed for shrine friend, Stacie on 2/23.

Congratulations for buying your first car on your own!

May you have safe and exciting adventures that brings happiness in your life.



A Baby blessing was performed for a darling little girl on February 24.

The birth of a child is an auspicious and sacred moment for the family.

May her life be filled with the love of those who make up her world.

The first *Jusan Mairi* (special blessing for 13 year olds) of 2020 was performed on 2/10.

Congratulations Mau!



Among the many private blessings the shrine provides is a blessing for cars that invokes special care over your vehicle.

A car blessing was performed for shrine friend Edward on 2/25.



# CALENDAR

Annual blessing for the Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation (HDAHF) was performed on February 29.

Hanayagi Dancing Academy was established by Hanayagi Mitsuaki I (Viola Ikie Hosokawa) in 1947 to celebrate and perpetuate the Japanese spirit through dance, *shamisen* and *Nagauta* style singing.

Her dedication, devotion and tutelage of the Japanese performing arts have inspired many in Hawaii to become *Natori* teachers of *Nihon Buyo* classical dance and *Shamisen*.

Upon Mitsuaki I's passing, Mitsuaki II (Karen Fujishima-Lee) was granted the title of *Shihan* Dance Master instructor by Grand Master Hanayagi Jusuke IV and officially took on the name of Mitsuaki II in 2006, remaining firmly committed to fulfilling Mitsuaki I's legacy until her sudden

passing in 2008.

Hanayagi Mitsujyuro (Bryson Goda) became HDAHF's 3rd *Shihan* Dance Master in 2014, preserving and perpetuating the cultural legacy of our founder.

Mitsujyuro also received a *Shihan* in *shamisen* and *Nagauta*-style singing from *Kineya-ryu* in 2019.



Hanayagi Mitsuaki I (left) with Hanayagi Mitsuaki II

## MARCH

1 3 pm  
**Sake Appreciation Festival**

## APRIL

18 1 pm  
**Cleanup & prep**

19 3 pm  
**Spring Thanksgiving  
Festival Scholarship Awards**



## MAY

3 3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Monthly  
Service**

24 8 am  
**Honolulu Shinto Renmei  
Memorial Day Service**

# Kaohsiung Kotohira Jinsha

Shinto shrines once symbolized colonial authority during the Japanese occupation of Taiwan between 1895-1945.

Shinto Shrines, in addition to their role of religious significance, were widely built as a means to imbue Japanese nationalism in the colony.

After World War II, Shinto shrines were either destroyed or transformed into various forms to fit into a different political agenda.

In a recent visit to Taiwan, Rev. Takizawa was able to visit the former site of the *Takao Kotohira Jinja* in Kaohsiung. *Takao* is the Japanese pronunciation of Kaohsiung.

The shrine was dedicated to *Omononushi-no-mikoto* and

Emperor *Sutoku* and built in 1910 high above the *Shoushan* mountains overlooking *Kaohsiung* harbor.



In 1920, *Takao* Prefecture requested Prince *Yoshihisa Kitashirakawa* also be enshrined at *Takao Kotohira Jinja*.

The request was approved by the Taiwan Governor-General and the name of the shrine was changed to

*Takao Jinja*.

In 1946, *Takao Jinja* was slightly renovated and named the Martyr's shrine.

In 1973, *Kaohsiung* city initiated the rebuilding of the shrine to house thousands of spirit tablets of deceased soldiers that fought in the Northern Expedition, Anti-Japanese War and the Civil War and renamed it the *Kaohsiung Martyr's Shrine*.



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CDC and the U.S.

Government have been discouraging cross-border travel and recently issued warnings of travel to five countries affected by the COVID-19 - China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran.

If you must travel this year, be sure to discuss your travel with your healthcare provider especially if you are elderly or have a chronic medical condition.

You may also want to consider the various Airport Security Passes that can speed you through TSA checkpoints and Immigration.

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	At this security lane, there's no need to remove your shoes or belt, or take your laptop or small bottles of liquids out of your carry-on	Apply at <a href="https://tsa.gov/precheck">tsa.gov/precheck</a> . Go to an enrollment center for a background check and fingerprinting	\$85 for 5 years
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	Scan your fingerprints or irises at a CLEAR "pod" to confirm your identity. A rep then zips you directly to baggage screening	Apply at any airport that is part of the Clear program. Presently not available at any Hawaii airport	\$179 per year (add up to 3 family members at \$50 per year)

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