

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

March 2020



The annual Sake Appreciation Festival was held on March 1

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Sake Appreciation Festival

Sake, a byproduct of rice has long been a vital part of Japanese culture.

The shrine's festival was held on March 1 to acknowledge the gift that alcoholic beverages made from rice like sake are to the world and our lives.



Sake has spiritual significance and is used to bring humans and *kami* together, similar to the role wine plays in Communion at Christian churches.

Much Mahalo to Dance Master **Hanayagi Mitsujiuro** (Bryson Goda) for performing Kotobuki

Sanbaso, a dance that celebrates rice and agricultural practices associated with rice production.

A big Mahalo also goes out to **Diane Nishida** for performing the shishimai Lion dance, **Linda Shinsato, Diane Nishida and Marilyn Naitoh** for providing the pupus and the many friends that made this festival possible.



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Shinto Wedding

Weddings are the most significant of life's rituals and the Shinto wedding is a simple but solemn ceremony filled with ancient tradition and cultural symbolism.

The Shinto wedding presently performed is based on the ceremony used for the wedding of Crown Prince Yoshihito (Emperor Meiji) and Princess Sado in 1900.

Before 1900, weddings were usually held at the home of the groom and rituals varied by region.

In Japan, the Shinto wedding is now performed at a shrine or hotel and attended by both families, close relatives and friends.

A Shinto wedding was performed on 3/14 for two research scholars at the East West Center - Harry and Shiori.



A Yakudoshi Blessing was performed for Collin on 3/11



In Shinto, there are many passages of life and rituals that celebrate and guide people through the spiritual dimensions of those passages.

View event pics at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

The shrine has been closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. As the situation continues to change rapidly, our top priority remains the health, safety and well-being of our community while ensuring the continuity of our spiritual mission.

The festival is incredibly important for the shrine, however, after carefully weighing the emerging facts as well as our duty to the local community, the shrine has made the difficult, but necessary decision to observe the annual festival without the presence of guests.

The Scholarship Awards will take place immediately after the ceremony, in the shrine.

While we are not experiencing the same level of risk as other religious institution around the globe, we remain vigilant in our efforts to weaken the chance of the spread of Covid-19 within our shrine family and the community.

Although we will not gather our bodies for the Spring Thanksgiving Festival, please express your appreciation to and pray for the medical teams caring for the infected, for those working to mitigate the virus, and for policy makers who are determining our response protocols. To those who are infected with Covid-19, our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mahalo for your understanding as we continue to strive to respond to this fluid situation.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 18 1 pm
Cleanup & prep for Spring Festival
- 19 3 pm (not open to the public)
**Spring Thanksgiving Festival
Scholarship Awards**

MAY

- 3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 24 8 am
**Honolulu Shinto Renmei
Memorial Day Service**

JUNE

- 6 1 pm
Cleanup & Prep
- 7 9 am - 1 pm
Chinowa for People & Pets

Shrine Visitors

Welcome to Hawaii
Dr. Shuhei Kadota !



Dr. Kadota joined us for our annual Sake Appreciation Festival on 3/1.

Dr. Kadota is a professor of Linguistics at Kansai University, Osaka and has written numerous books on learning English as a second language.

Welcome to Hawaii
Dr. Manako Ogawa !



Dr. Ogawa visited the shrine on 2/28 as part of her annual college study tour for her graduate students.

Dr. Ogawa is a professor at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto and received her doctorate at UH Manoa. She has written several books on the Hawaiian fishing industry.

CORONAVIRUS

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Symptoms appear 2-14 days after exposure

FLU

- Fever
- Cough
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue & weakness
- Chills & sweats
- Congestion
- Sore throat

ALLERGIES

- Sneezing
- Itchy nose, eyes or roof of the mouth
- Runny, stuffy nose
- Watery, red or swollen eyes

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