

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

July 2026



The annual Chinowa for People & Pets and Back-To-School Blessing was held on July 12. The Chinowa event began 21 years ago and still attracts animal lovers from all over the island.

DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty
Miyoko Hanahara
Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi
Arthur & Becky Isa
Rodney & Sharon Isa
James & Melba Kurashige
Lee Miki
Yae Miko
Steve Miwa

Shinken & Marlyn Naitoh
Jeanette Nakata
Craig & Diane Nishida
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Robert Stallings
Akihiko Tajima
Gary & Waynette Taketa
Takenoko Sushi, Hilo

MAHALO for your
donation of Ti Leaves

Clinton Akutagawa
Milton & Kathy Kwock
Craig & Diane Nishida

MAHALO for your
donation of Sake

Gary & Linda Shinsato

SHICHIGOSAN TOTOSE NO OIWAI JUSAN MAIRI

11/1 - 11/15

Online reservations will be
accepted from
Sept 1 at
www.jinja.us

Donation \$65



CALENDAR

AUGUST



2

2 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

SEPTEMBER

1

8:30 am (ONLINE ONLY)

Reservations accepted for
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei
and Jusan Mairi

Online reservations at
www.jinja.us

6

2 pm

Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

OCTOBER

15

8:30 am (INTERNAL)

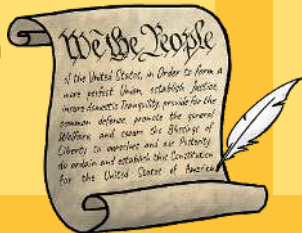
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

MAINTENANCE



The shrine celebrated the enduring spirit of freedom, courage and hope on the 250th anniversary since the adoption of the United States Declaration of Independence.

May we honor those who came before us by building a future filled with kindness, unity and opportunity for all.



At approximately 5:10 am on July 20, a vehicle traveling eastbound on H-1 struck the right side guardrail in front of the shrine, before going over the barrier and crashing down onto Olomea Street below.

The vehicle flipped upside down and skid to the corner of Olomea and Kohou.

The driver was loaded onto a gurney with seemingly significant injuries before being transported by

Honolulu EMS.

Olomea Street and parts of Kohou was shutdown while first responders worked the scene.

HFD remained on

scene till after 7 am, to assist with the cleanup.

No parked cars or bystanders were struck. Take care on the road!



CHINOWA for People & Pets and Back-To-School Blessing

A procession of people, dogs and cats went through the Chinowa Ring on Sunday, July 6 for the annual Chinowa for People & Pets Blessing and Back-To-School Blessing at the shrine.

The event began 21 years ago in 2005, with a 3-year hiatus during COVID-19.

Some pets hung around for "Yappy Hour" while others slurped Pet Shave ice in the "Barking lot."

MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

Jeff Fujioka

Stacie Hata

Brenna Imada

Art Isa

Arthur Isa

Becky Isa

Calvin Mai

Marilyn Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida



Brytne Okuhata

Stuart Pang

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Allysen Yasui

View event photos at: [flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu](https://www.flickr.com/photos/kotohira-dazaifu/)



CHINOWA MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

Prep

Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Trayveon Nedelec
Tieler Sufon
John Taufa

Cleanup

Stacie Hata
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa

Calvin Mai
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Diane Nishida
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CHINOWA RING

The Chinowa ring is observed as part of the *Nagoshi no O-oharae* ritual of surviving the hot, humid summer in good health.

In Japanese legend, *Susanoo-no-mikoto*, the kami of protection



from natural disasters asked for a night of shelter to villagers he encountered during a trip.

A villager named *Tanshorai* denied him shelter, however his brother *Somin Shorai* warmly hosted *Susanoo-no-mikoto*.

As a reward, *Susanoo-no-mikoto* instructed *Somin Shorai* to protect his family against epidemics by wearing a ring made of *kaya* grass around the waist.

Somin Shorai and his family are said to have survived pandemics and natural disasters.

Since, walking through a ring made of grass has been observed in summer in hopes of surviving the sweltering heat and illnesses.

The *Ti* plant, originally called *Ki* was considered sacred to the



Hawaiian god Lono and the goddess Laka.

The shrine's *Chinowa* ring is made of *Ti* leaves in honor of our Hawaiian host culture which believes that *Ti* leaves have great spiritual powers.



GOKITO Private Blessings



A house blessing was performed on 7/4.

This legacy property which has been blessed by the shrine for each owner, is filled with happy memories and traditions handed down for three generations.

Like heirlooms passed from hand to hand, this home has been treasured, transformed and tenderly kept alive by each new generation. that claims it.

This is the kind of thing that provides a sense of family history as a familiar home is passed down from one generation to the next.



From ancient times, the Japanese have embraced the awes of nature by celebrating the changing of the seasons.

Tanabata Star Festival was observed at the shrine from



July 1 - 7 with *Tanzaku* tags for visitors to write their wishes.

The *Tanabata* festival finds its roots in 200 BC China and the legend of the Cowherd and the Weaving Maiden.

According to



legend the two lovers were forced to separate for various reasons and could only meet once a year on the night of *Tanabata*. Since, it has become a festival to pray to the stars to realize one's wishes.