

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

January 2024

Happy New Year!!!

The dawn of a new year over flows with hope that invites us to reflect and to recreate ourselves anew.

This year, may we all find a connection to spirit that can guide and nurture us in our growth as a nation and as individuals.

Open your mind to new possibilities, discover the divine within yourself and empower yourself to achieving your goals and purpose in life

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12/23

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Shinken Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

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Linda Shinsato

## EARLY SELECTION

12/26 - 12/30

Renee Carlyle

Bryson Goda

Kathy Hamada-Kwock

Lorraine Kadota

Milton Kwock

Marilyn Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh

Diane Nishida

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

## HATSUMODE PREP

12/26 - 12/30

Art Isa

Gary Shinsato



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## HATSUMODE

12/31 - 1/1

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Kai Igarashi  
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## HATSUMODE

CLEANUP

1/2

Bryson Goda  
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Juston Isa  
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## HATSUMODE

1/3 - 1/5

Diane Nishida  
Linda Shinsato



# Year of the Wood Dragon

In 2024, the Wood element dominates the energy of the year and symbolizes growth, progress and abundance. This year will also question our relationship with escape and sobriety, avoidance and accountability. Beware of kidney, bladder and sleep issues.

**RAT** - Stay positive in a challenging year. Believe in your capabilities and appreciate everything good in your life. Avoid misunderstandings.

**OX** - Restless year full of twists and turns. Expanding your social circle will contribute to your financial luck.

**TIGER** - Good fortune awaits you in 2024. Take care of your own needs. Cultivate emotional stability.

**RABBIT** - Remain low-keyed and humble. Focus your energy on career development and increasing your income.

**DRAGON** - Challenging year in all aspects of your life. Use your talents to see beyond what others see. Boost your immune system and be mindful of accidents.

**SNAKE** - Extremely busy year which leaves little room for leisure time and little opportunity for financial gain. Extra effort needed in health and relationships.

**HORSE** - The year will ignite your competitive spirit.

Work, hard, as finances will be challenging.

**SHEEP** - Busy year with not much financial gain. Pay attention to stomach, intestine and digestive system issues.

**MONKEY** - Potential for much success in career and wealth. Consult professionals when dealing with legal matters. Beware of nose, bronchi, throat and lung issues.

**ROOSTER** - Bit of ups and downs but with diligent pursuit of your goals, will reap a positive and satisfying year. New relationships will be impermanent.

**DOG** - Stop worrying about things that hasn't happened or things you can't change. Exercise caution in investments.

**BOAR** - Gratifying social and family life. Not a year to aggressively invest. Maintain a calm demeanor and think twice before taking action.

Those born in the years of the Dragon, Dog, Sheep and Rat should carry a Dragon year omamori or wear our 2024 Dragon T-shirt to alleviate some of the negative energies of the Wood Dragon year. You can also display the 12 Zodiac figurines or *Shichifukujin* figurines in the Northwest corner of your living room to pave the way for a safe and peaceful year of positive opportunities.

# GOKITO Private Blessings



A Baby Blessing was performed on 12/28 for a darling little girl. Congratulations on the arrival of your precious little one!



A Car Blessing was performed on 12/26. Someone was on Santa's "Nice List."



The first private blessing for 2024. May you be blessed in every phase of your life.



The holidays are a special time to reunite with family from afar and share traditions such as *Kanai Anzen* Family Blessings.

Generations of these two families came together from the Mainland to share time and to create new memories.



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# CALENDAR



Congratulations to Hanayagi Mitsusae (Jasmine Umeno).

The title of *Shihan* was conferred upon her for reaching the level of mastery in Japanese classical dance which certifies one to teach.

SAGICHO - burning of the old omamori will be conducted on Sunday January 21.

Any old omamori brought to the shrine after January 7 will not give us enough time to process and will be kept until 2025.

Many Shinto shrines hold O-oharae or purification rituals twice a year. These rituals are said to have originated around 701 CE.

The *Toshikoshi no O-oharae* or yearend purification ritual held on New Year's eve is performed to disperse negative energies accumulated over the second half of the year, pray for good health and to revitalize one's energy in the coming 6 months.

The yearend ritual was held on December 31 in the presence of president Bryson Goda and VP Diane Nishida.



## JANUARY

- 21 12 pm** Sagicho Prep
- 1 pm** Sagicho Ceremony
- 2 pm** Tsukinamisai

## FEBRUARY

- 4 2 pm**  
Tsukinamisai & Setsubun

## MARCH

- 3 2 pm**  
Sake Appreciation Festival

## APRIL

- 13 2 pm**  
Spring Thanksgiving Festival  
Scholarship Awards

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

# New Year's Ohana Festival

# MAINTENANCE

The shrine participated in the annual Ohana New Years Festival sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii on Saturday, January 13.

This was the 31st year since the festival has been offering New Years food, cultural demonstrations and entertainment. The shrine has participated in the festival for 30 years.

The festival is a great way for the community to come together to celebrate the new year and Hawaii's cultural diversity.



## MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

Bryson Goda

Diane Nishida

Marilyn Naitoh

Linda Shinsato

Shinken Naitoh

Naomi Teramoto



Mahalo Nui Mike for repairing the bathroom door in the hall.



Fires can strike unexpectedly, damaging all in its path and leaving destruction.

Aside from

providing physical security, fire alarm systems instantly finds a threat and promptly transmits a warning signal with speakers,

flashing lights and a siren.

Mahalo Nui Mike - for replacing the two fire alarms in the hall.



SETSUBUN - Bean Throwing

February 4

Sunday 2:00 pm

