

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

where ancient traditions thrive

This is an unstable year for Rats, Oxen, Dragons, Horses, Monkeys, Roosters and Dogs.

Dragons should beware of accidents involving metal - vehicles, weapons, airplanes.

Horses will find better opportunities in a new environment. Beware of legal conflicts.

Change and crisis for Monkeys. Do not be discouraged by obstacles and delays. Slow down and stop pushing to get results.

Somewhat complex year with frustrating setbacks for Dogs, Snakes and Boars. Stop holding onto negativity. Do not let what is out of your control interfere with all the things you can control. Stay positive.

It's a brutal year for Tigers - find ways to deal with the pain and stress. Stay focused and be mindful in all you do.

Improvements in most areas of life except communications and finances for Ox and Rabbits.

Health problems will surface for Sheep. Resolve health issues immediately.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The beginning of every New Year brings with it the opportunity to make a new start. Part of the exhilaration that accompanies every *Shogatsu* is the optimism that starting over is possible and the belief that new beginnings can create new and successful outcomes.

The Monkey year tends to put you in a state of limbo: unable or unwilling to go backwards, but too afraid to move forward. You need to keep moving forward - opening new doors, taking new paths and innovating new things.

For those who have challenges this year, realize that every step is necessary. In the end, it's not what you have been through that defines who you are; it's how you got through it that has made you the person you are today and the person you are capable of being tomorrow.

On a physical level, the Fire element represents the heart, blood circulation, shoulders and skin.

Fire Monkey years tend to bring on illnesses of the heart, blood, arteries, veins, small intestines,

inflammation and shoulders. Also watch out for problems with the breathing organs

The Southwest is an unfavorable direction for 2016, especially for Monkeys and Tigers. To disperse the negative energies of the Southwest, place the 12 Zodiac figurines, Hama yumi, or Hamaya in the Southwest area of your home or office.

There may be many challenges in different areas of your life, but be grateful for all you are blessed with, embrace change, look at things from a different perspective and stay positive!!!



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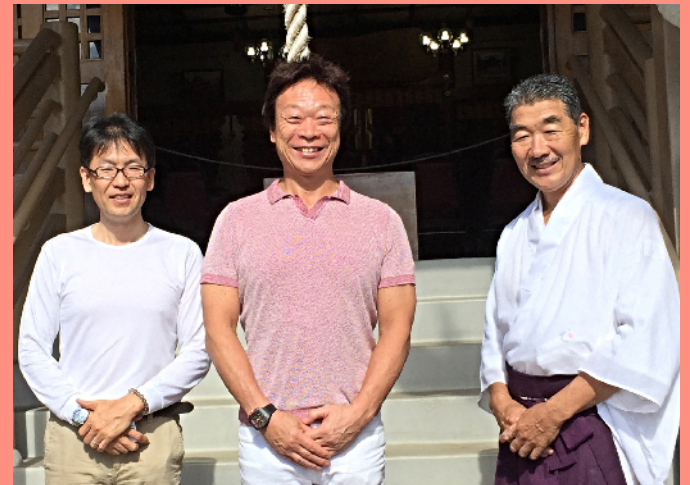
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Private Blessings



Teiji Muayama, president and the management team of Japan Air Lines Hawaii visited the shrine for its annual blessing



Seizo Imamura, president of Corniche Osaka presented the shrine with a generous donation



Dr Erik Homerstrom and his religion class students from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma visited the shrine on 1/15.

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The shrine was once again given the opportunity to share the traditions of the Japanese New Year with customers of Shirokiya Ala Moana on 1/8 and 1/9



SAGICHO - burning of the old omamori

Sagicho, also known as Dondo-yaki, Ombe-yaki, Saito-yaki, Sankuro-yaki, Hochoji, Hokkengyo, is an ancient ceremony to express appreciation to and purify by



burning, old ofuda, omamori, kumade, hamayumi, shimenawa and hamaya

Sagicho first appears in ancient documents dating back to 1251.

A hockey-like game called Dakyu was popular among aristocrats at the Imperial court. Long sticks of green bamboo called Gitcho were used to move balls from player to player.

The used Gitcho sticks were burned in an annual ceremony by Diviners called Onmyoji to express gratitude for the Gitcho sticks for giving the players much enjoyment.

Paper fans and long strips of paper with poems were attached to the used Gitcho bamboo sticks while the Onmyoji chanted prayers of gratitude.

Since the ritual required three items - a fan, strips of rectangular paper used to write poems and a Gitcho stick



it was first named San Gitcho, Through the ages, San Gitcho was eventually pronounced Sagicho.

The shrine's Sagicho was held on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00 pm.

Mahalo to shrine officers and volunteers for their kokua in preparing the old omamori and ofuda for burning by removing plastic, metal and other non-burnable items to prevent toxic fumes from harming the environment.

JAL Pak Omamori

An exclusive Marathon Finisher's omamori was given to hundreds of JAL Pak clients that participated in the Honolulu Marathon on December 13.

This is the fourth year that the shrine collaborated with JAL Pak to create an event-specific omamori.

The omamoris were consecrated in a ritual by Rev Takizawa on December 7.



CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 Midnight - 5 pm
Hatsumode
- 8-9 9:30 am - 9 pm
Shirokiya
- 10 10 am - 4 pm
JCCH Ohana Festival
- 17 1 pm
Sagicho
- 3 pm
Tsukinamisai



Perfect and precious!!! Congratulations to Scott and Darcy on the birth of their son - Ryder Katsuzou Shimizu-Motoda. Rev Takizawa was given the honor of selecting the kanji characters for Katsuzou 喝造 which means "Resounding determination to forge one's full potential."



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FEBRUARY

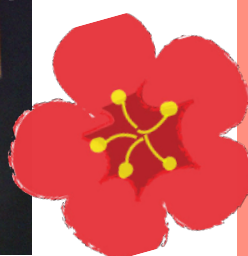
- 14 1 pm
Kanreki/Yakudoshi Blessing
- 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

MARCH

- 6 3:00 pm
Sake Appreciation Festival
- 12 - 13 9 am - 5 pm
Honolulu Festival

MAINTENANCE

Mahalo to Mike Lee for constructing a new address sign for the Olomea Street side of the shrine



APRIL

- 3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai
- 10 3 pm
Spring Thanksgiving Festival