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Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

For thousands of years, people around the world have set aside a day to celebrate the autumn harvest, giving thanks for a plentiful growing season.

Rice has long been the main staple of the traditional Japanese diet. It is not only consumed daily as a staple food but also used to brew sake, and create sweets such as mochi.

Japanese cuisine has developed the art of providing side dishes to complement consumption of rice and table manners were established in the quest for more refined ways of eating rice and drinking sake.

Japanese culture is inseparable from rice cultivation and many festivals evolve around rice cultivation.

The shrine's Autumn Thanksgiving Festival, meant to express gratitude to

the bounties that we receive from nature was held on Sunday, September 29 and officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa. Assisting the ceremony were members of the Honolulu Shinto Renmei: Rev. Jun Miyasaka of Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii, Rev. Akihiro Okada of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii and Rev. Naoya Shimura of Hawaii Ishizuchi Jinja.

This was the first year in decades, that we were able to celebrate the Thanksgiving Festival with the first fruits of the Autumn harvest - ears of rice grown in Hawaii. Mahalo Nui to Allan Takeshita for growing and offering the ears of rice

Our heartfelt mahalo also go out to the members for their kokua and Shawna Arakaki Rivero for the miko mai,



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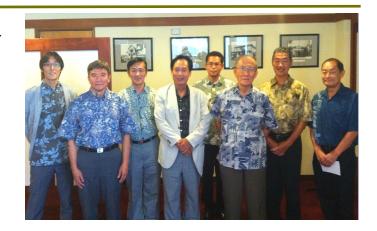
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Honolulu Shinto Renmei

Members of the Honolulu Shinto Renmei comprised of the five Shinto shrines in Honolulu were invited to lunch by Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda at the Japanese Conulate on September 19.

Pictured from the left are: Vice Consul Kaoru Morisawa, Rev Akihiro Okada of Hawaii Daijingu, Bishop Daiya Amano of Hawaii Izumo Taishakyo, Consul General Shigeeda, Rev. Jun Miyasaka and Richard Miyao from Hawaii Izumo Taishakyo, Rev. Masa Takizawa and Rev. Naoya Shimura of Hawaii Ishizuchi Jinja.



Maintenance & Beautification



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Shinken Naitoh Bob Harada Marilyn Naitoh Tom Jannuzzio Art Isa

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for helping with the shrine clean-up on September 28 and 29

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Ala Moana Center for Business



Pictured to the left is President Marek Lehockey.

Rev. Takizawa performed a blessing at the Ala Moana Center for Business in the Ala Moana Building on September 16.

The Ala Moana Center for Business offers a Virtual Office, saving capital and overhead with all support



Hanayagi Dancing Academy



Congratulations and best wishes to a couple from Kanagawa prefecture that were married at the shrine on September 17.



The Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation (HDAHF) held its annual Garage/Rummage Sale on Sunday, September 15 in the shrine hall.

Thousands of items donated by supporters were priced and displayed by instructors, students and parents under the direction of Garage Sale chair Kris Yoakum.

Mahalo to Bob Harada and Rev. Takizawa for helping HADHF with a Shave Ice booth with all proceeds donated to HDAHF.

HDAHF has perpetuated classical Japanese dance and Shamisen for over 60 years.

Contact Principal, Hanayagi Mitsuai at lkadot.3ai@hawaiiantel.net if you are interested in learning classical Japanese dance or shamisen.

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Upcoming Events





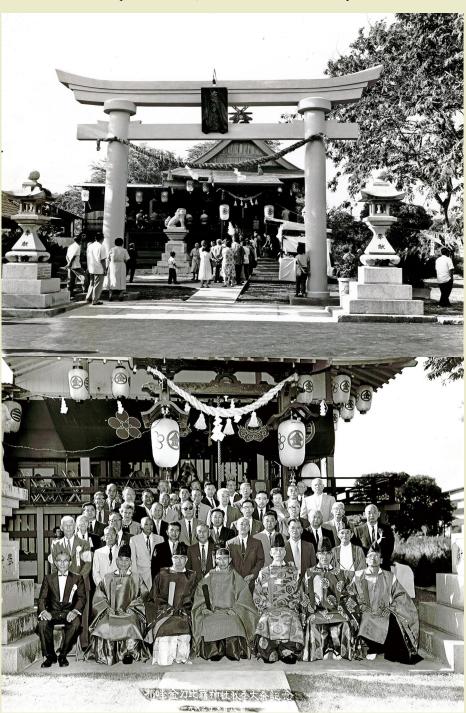






A Piece of History

The below photos are from the shrine's Autumn Thanksgiving festival on September 8,1965. The Kalihi portion of H-1 Highway began construction in 1960 and was completed in 1964, a few months before these photos were taken.



First Row: Rev. Tomiji Kimura of Hawaii Ishizuchi Jinha, Rev. Kazoe Kawasaki of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii, Rev. Kunisuke Sakai of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu, Rev. Shigemaru Miyao of Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii, Rev. Matsuda who was not affiliated with any shrine and Rev Takeshita of Hawaii Kato Jinja.