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Robert Masato Harada

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We are deeply saddened to share with you the untimely passing of our friend and Vice President, **Bob Harada**.

Bob passed away at Straub Medical Center on September 14, 2018 due to complications from acute exacerbation of asthma.

During this time, our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



*Memories....let them fill your mind,
warm your heart and lead you through*

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 8:30 am
**Reservations accepted for
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai
Jusan Mairi & Seijin shiki**
- 29 1 pm
Clean up & Prep
- 30 3 pm
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

OCTOBER

- 21 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 21 27 28 9 am ~ 4 pm
Shichigosan

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

Words to live by - Bachi ga ataru, Mottainai, Arigatai.....

Since ancient times, the Japanese have repeatedly used three phrases of Shinto origin in their daily lives - *bachi ga ataru*, *mottai nai* and *arigatai*.

I'm sure many of you have heard the term *bachi ga ataru* somewhere, sometime in your lives.

Bachi is a variant form of *batsu* or *Shinbatsu* which means divine retribution inflicted on someone who speaks or acts in a disrespectful or unbelieving way towards a *kami*.

In English, a similar phrase would be "what goes around, comes around." Here in Hawaii, "you're going to get *bachi*" seems to sum it all when you've done something you shouldn't have.

A rough English equivalent of *mottai nai* would be "what a waste".

Literally, it means "I am unworthy to be a recipient of these goods or services" and is a phrase which evolved from the Shinto concept of expressing gratitude for the bounties that we receive from nature and the need for reflection on the forces that sustain us.

For example, if a child doesn't care for the lunch prepared by his or her mother and throws it away at school, this would be a classic example of *mottai- nai*.

The child has no regard for the love and efforts of his or her mother and the many hands that were involved in planting and harvesting the food used in



preparation. He or she is literally, unworthy to be a recipient of the lunch.

Arigatai is a form of *arigato* which literally means "something which is difficult."

The term began as a phrase to express how rare it was for one to encounter a kind act, which eventually evolved into the phrase *arigato* for thank you.

Arigatai or expressing gratitude to our ancestors, parents, nature, etc. is the foundation of Shinto.

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Shichigosan

Shichigosan is said to have originated in the Heian Period (794 - 1185) among court nobles who celebrated the passage of their children into middle childhood.

The ages 3, 5 and 7 are consistent with Japanese numerology, which dictates that odd numbers are lucky.

Over time, this tradition passed to the samurai class who added a number of rituals. Children who were required by custom to have shaven heads until 3 years old - were allowed to grow out their hair in a ritual called *kamitoki*.

The *hakamagi* ritual allowed boys of 5 to wear *hakama* for the first time, while girls of 7 replaced the simple cords they used to tie their *kimono* with the traditional *obi* in the *obitoki* ritual.

By the Meiji period (1868 - 1912), the practice was adopted by the commoners as well, and included visiting a shrine to wish for a long, healthy life.

In 1994, our shrine was the first to initiate the Shichigosan blessing with complimentary kimono dressing in hopes of perpetuating a tradition that is spiritually enriching and culturally exciting.

Shichigosan Blessing 七五三特別祈禱 October 21 ~ November 18

SHICHIGOSAN BLESSING includes:

Omamori · Goodie Bag · Chitose-ame candy
御守り · 千歳飴 · お土産を授与

Donation ご祈禱料 \$65.00



Complimentary Kimono rental, dressing, hair and makeup offered as part of our service to the community.

コミュニティーサービスの一環として無料で着物のレンタル、着付け、ヘア・メイクをいたします。

Kimono Dressing is offered 10/21 ~ 11/18 on Saturdays and Sunday between the hours of 9 am ~ 3:30 pm. We do not take photos and have no photographers on site.

着物のレンタル・着付けは 10/21 ~ 11/18 の土日のみ提供。写真撮影はしておりませんので予めご了承ください。

Totose no Oiwai (10 year olds), Jusan Mairi (13 year olds) and Seijinshiki Blessings with complimentary kimono dressing are also accepted during this time.

十とせのお祝い・十三詣り・成人式のご祈禱も承っております。

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Jusan Mairi Blessing 十三参り特別祈禱

October 21 ~ November 18

JUSAN MAIRI BLESSING includes:

Omamori • Goodie Bag 御守り・お土産を授与

Donation ご祈禱料 \$65.00

Reservations required 要予約



12 animals represent the rotating 12 year cycle that is the basis of the Chinese Zodiac. The second cycle begins when one turns thirteen and girls and boys visit a shrine or temple to be blessed in a ceremony known as Jusan Mairi.

Jusan Mairi is a traditional coming-of-age event when 13-year olds participate in a ceremony to be blessed with good health, knowledge, strength of character and to affirm the emotional, psychological and physical changes challenging young teens. School is more challenging, bodies are changing, relationships with parents are different and new issues arise with friends.

Rituals like this provide patterns of consistency and connectedness to your immediate family, community and with your ancestors and their traditions.

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Please visit the Shichigosan page on our website:

www.jinja.us/shichigosanjusanmairi.html

for details and reservation forms for all four blessings - Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi and Seijin Shiki. All four blessings include complimentary kimono rental and dressing.

- Kimono dressing is offered on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- We have take no photographs and have no photographers on site.



Please give us a Hand !

We are seeking volunteers for our Shichigosan event

October 21 ~ November 18

Any Saturday or Sunday, between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Maintenance Projects



On August 22, the Hawaiian islands were bracing for Hurricane Lane. As emergency shelters opened and rain began to pour on the neighbor islands, Lane began to feel real.

At the shrine, damaged tree branches were cut, glass windows were boarded up with plywood and openings in the shrine sliding doors were plugged with waterproof fabric and taped to make sure that the "building envelope" was sealed.

On September 11 - 13, the fluorescent lights in the meeting room was replaced by **Mike Lee** and **Gary Shinsato**. Mahalo Nui for helping the shrine transition to high-efficiency, cost-saving LED lights.

