



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

The shrine celebrated the annual Spring Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, April 20 from 3:00 pm.

Officiating the ceremony was Rev. Masa Takizawa, assisted by Rev. Masaaki Sawada, Gon-negi of Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka. A miko mai was performed by Shauna Arakaki.

Rev. Hidekazu Matsuoji also flew in from Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka to join in the festivities.

Bob Harada MC'd the program during dinner, which included the annual Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarship awards

The 2014 awardees were: Stacie Hata, Calvin Mai, Scott Okamura and Melvin Monces.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the instructors and students of the Hanayagi Dancing Academy for the classical dance

and a unique shamisen-ukulele collaboration pieces, and the many volunteers who helped make this festival possible.

4月20日（日）福岡県の太宰府天満宮から松大路禰宜様と澤田正彰権禰宜様をお迎えしての、春季感謝大祭が執り行われました。

境内の緑も一層輝きを増した中、祭典が厳かに斎行されました。

恒例のハワイ太宰府天満宮奨学金授賞式ではステシー・ハタ、キャルビン・マイ、スコット・オカムラ、メルビン・モンセスの4人に奨学金が授与されました。

直会では花柳ダンシング・アキャデミーの日舞と三味線、松大路禰宜様のウクレレ演奏などによる余興で賑わいました。



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Congratulations



Congratulations to **Milena Naitoh**, daughter of Shinken and Marilyn Naitoh, for being Awarded a Fellowship from

Harvard University.

Milena is a graduate of Fordham University in NYC and also attended International Christian University in Tokyo.

Congratulations to shrine volunteer **Alyssa Fujihara** for being crowned Princess in the 62nd Cherry Blossom Festival held on March 30. Alyssa is the daughter of Clark and Gayle Fujihara.

The Festival Ball marks the culmination of over six months of cultural education and professional development.

The Queen and court are selected by a panel of judges based on their dedication to perpetuating Japanese culture, commitment to education and passion for community service.



Congratulations to **Lukas Mattice** of Volcano on the Big Island for being accepted to Waseda University's Graduate School of

Asia-Pacific Studies.

Lukas is a graduate of UH Manoa and was the shrine's Scholarship recipient in 2012.



Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarship 2014



The Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu scholarship was established in 2012 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu in Hawaii.

The recipients of the 2014 Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarships are:

Stacie Hata, nominated by Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation

Calvin Mai, nominated by Dr. Shinken Naitoh, President of the shrine

Scott Okamura, nominated by Rev. Masa Takizawa

Melvin Monces, nominated by Dr. Jay Sakashita of the University of Hawaii at Leeward.



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Bill Doughty
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Jeff Fujioka
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Calvin Mai
Melvin Monces
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Jill Nishida
Scott Okamura
Akiko Sanai

Upcoming Events



Tsukinami-sai
月次祭
May 4
Sunday
3:00 pm



Chinowa for People and Pets
June 1, 2014
9 am ~ 3pm
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Tsukinami-sai and Tanabata
July 6 Sunday
3:00 pm



Back-to-School Education Blessing
てんじんさん学業成就
August 3, 2014
10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm
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Tsukinami-sai and Choyo no Sekku
September 7
Sunday
3:00 pm

Wailua Suitengu

The East side of Kauai is often referred to as the Coconut Coast because of its royal history and ancient coconut groves from Wailua to Kapaa.

Wailua was called Kawaihau or icy waters in the 1300s and high chiefs believed that the area was sacred. Seven *heiau* were built and royalty would come to Wailua from the neighboring islands to give birth at the birthstones of Holoholoku.



Driven by the enterprising Westerners, Kauai became one of the largest sugar producers during the early 19th century.

In 1878, Lihue Plantation expanded their

operation by leasing 30,000 acres in Wailua.

The Wailua Suitengu was established in 1909, just a few steps away from Wailua Bay and patronized by Issei immigrants who were contract workers for Lihue Plantation.

The shrine remained closed after World War II and the shrine land and neighboring parcels were eventually sold to Setter-Brown, Inc in the early 1970s.

A 20-unit condo called the Kapaa Sands was built on the Wailua Suitengu shrine property in 1973.

Rev. Kazuomi Takishima, Guji of the Kukedo Takishima Jinja and his family visited the shrine on Thursday, March 6.

Kukedo Hikawa Jinja was established in Kawagoe city, Saitama prefecture. It's origins are unknown, however it is documented in historical annals as having suffered severe damages from a flood in 1742.

