

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha

Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



Shu-in Shrine Seals

A **shuin** (朱印) is a seal given to worshippers and visitors to Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. *Shu* means vermillion red and *In* means seal.

The seals are collected in books called *shuinchō* that are often sold at shrines and temples.

The seals are actually wooden stamps engraved like chops, using ancient characters. The shu-in is either pre-stamped onto sheets of washi paper or stamped as requested by worshippers.

To create the shuin, the writer presses down one or more large wooden stamps, and then uses black sumi ink to write the name of the shrine and other messages on and around the stamped portions.

There are various theories about the origin of shuin, though the strongest is that it was a receipt for dedicating Hokekyo sutras at a temple. This practice began during the mid-Edo period.

Special shu-in-chō are available for people who do pilgrimages such as the Kansai

Kannon Pilgrimage and the Shikoku Pilgrimage. People who do the Shikoku pilgrimage can also get shuin on the white robes they sometimes wear.

Collecting *shu-in* from various places of worship is extremely popular in Japan, especially among the younger Japanese.

It's so popular, there's even an expression "Go-shu-in girl" which means a young girl who is obsessed with collecting *shu-in*.

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Come celebrate all creatures at our annual Chinowa (Ring of Renewal) for People and Pets this Sunday, June 5 anytime between 9 am ~ 2 pm.



Leashed or caged pets and people of all faiths are welcome for a complimentary blessing steeped in ancient tradition. Reservations are not required.

Offsite parking at Damien Memorial School on Houghtailing with free shuttle.

Please drop off your pets with a human companion at the shrine and park your vehicle at Damien School as shuttle company does not allow animals on board.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Milena, daughter of shrine president, Dr. Shinken Naitoh & Marilyn Naitoh on obtaining her Masters in Theology from Harvard University.

While at Harvard, Milena was the Divinity School Admissions Ambassador, Student Association Treasurer and Graduate Student Government Events Coordinator. Starting this fall, Milena will be working with the Asian University for Women in Cambridge. Shine on!!!!



Congratulations to shrine Director, Kineya Sakio (Bryson Goda) on being selected to perform at the 108th Nagauta Samon-kai concert on May 27 at the Uchisaisai-cho Hall in Hibiya, Tokyo.

Being selected to perform is the highest honor that a Shamisen artist can receive. Bryson played 3 classic pieces and was also featured as an up and coming artist, in the concert program. Ganbatte!!!

The shrine is being featured on KIKU TV's "Naruhodo" hosted by JP Lam during the month of June.

Shrine VP, Bob Harada was interviewed on the meaning and significance of Omamori in Japanese culture.

If you miss the nightly segments - you can view the entire clip on our YouTube channel below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md2cts07V38>





MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The Pothole Blitz continues with application of a seal coat to fill minor surface voids and protect the surface from water penetration, oils and uv damage.

MAHALO to Mike Lee, Craig Nishida, Bob Harada, Masa Takizawa for continuing with the Pothole Patcing blitz.



CALENDAR

JUNE

5 9 am - 2 pm
**Chinowa for
People & Pets**

JULY

3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

AUGUST

1 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

7 10 am - 2 pm
Education Blessing

9 am - 4 pm
**Otaku Summer
Festival**

SEPTEMBER

4 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

25 3 pm
**Autumn
Thanksgiving
Festival**

Private Blessings



Rev. Takizawa performed private blessings in Las Vegas on May 15. Pictured from the left: Plumeria Thai Cafe, car blessing and private home in Summerlin

Memorial Day Service

The annual Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service was held on Sunday, May 29 at Punchbowl, Makiki Cemetery and Moiliili Cemetery

