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CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY: 120TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND FESTIVAL AND COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON

2026 marks the 120th year since we were established in 1906 as an affiliate branch of Izumo Taisha Grand Shinto Shrine in Shimane, Japan. On Saturday, October 10, we will celebrate with a Grand Festival and a Commemorative Luncheon the next day, Sunday, October 11. The Shrine's Superintendent (*Kancho*) and attendants from Izumo Taisha Headquarters will visit Hawaii to officiate the service. Other special guests from Japan will also attend and celebrate this occasion with us.

The Shrine worship service will start at 1:00 pm, led by the Most Reverend Nagahiko Senge, and Bishop Daiya Amano and other priests. After the service, there will be some speeches from representatives as well as entertainment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MAJOR EVENTS!!

Your *kokua* is needed for the 120th Grand Festival and New Year's 2027! Contact the Shrine office for volunteer opportunities and other activities for school credit or community service.

120th Anniversary Grand Festival and Commemorative Luncheon:

Volunteers needed **October 8, 9, 10, 11**
Set-up / Clean-up
Service Assistance

New Year's Blessings & Celebration:

Volunteers needed **December 26-31, 2026**
January 1-17, 2027
Kitchen Help
Set-up / Clean-up
Omamori Distribution
Service Assistance

Celebratory local *mochi* and bento will be served up as a way to share the blessings with attendees. Anyone visiting the Shrine is invited to the Grand Festival to get blessed.

The luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki's Kauai Ballroom from 11:00am, on the next day, October 11. Luncheon attendance requires prior admission. Let's celebrate and enjoy our 120th Anniversary!



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026 - 2027

Oct. 1	First Day of the Month Blessing
Oct. 8-9	Preparation for the 120th Festival
Oct. 10	120th Anniversary Grand Festival
Oct. 11	Commemorative Luncheon
Nov. 1	First Day of the Month Blessing
Nov. 10	Monthly Worship Service
Nov. 14	Children's Blessings at JCCH
Dec. 1	First Day of the Month Blessing
Dec. 11-12	Honolulu Marathon Blessing
Dec. 10	Monthly Worship Service with Great Purification Ceremony
Dec. 20	Clean-up for New Year's
Dec. 26-31	New Year's Preparation
Jan. 1-3	New Year's Blessings & Celebration

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CHINATOWN PEACE FESTIVAL HELD AT MAUNAKEA MARKETPLACE

On July 18, 2026, Hawaii Izumo Taisha participated in the renamed Chinatown Peace Festival. This was a local commercial event held at the Maunakea Marketplace, organized by the Chinatown Business & Community Association. We provided an opening blessing and managed a booth. Visitors enjoyed food and various entertainment such as a Chinese lion dance and Korean pop music in the middle of Chinatown!

YABUSAME (JAPANESE HORSE-MOUNTED ARCHERY) HELD AT KUALOA RANCH



On June 14, 2026, Yabusame, or traditional Japanese horse-mounted archery, was performed by Ogasawara-Ryu at Kualoa Ranch. Ogasawara-Ryu is a Japanese martial arts school which has preserved and taught archery, horse-mounted archery and court etiquette to samurai for over 850 years. Mr. Kiyomoto Ogasawara, the 32nd Master, and his followers were invited by the Honolulu Foundation.

Hawaii Izumo Taisha officiated the Shinto blessing service before the performance to pray for safe and successful archery. All tickets for admission were sold out before the event. It was rainy and the riding grounds were muddy, but it was a once-in-a-life opportunity to watch this legendary martial art up close.

RINGING THE PEACE BELL: HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION & PEACE SERVICE

On August 6, 2026, Hawaii Izumo Taisha, YMCA Honolulu and the Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai held the annual commemoration ceremony on College Walk in front of the Shrine. This was the 37th annual commemoration ceremony since the Hiroshima Peace Bell was placed next to our property.

To commemorate the bombing and offer prayers for world peace, Bishop Daiya Amano conducted a Shinto service and the Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of Honolulu, delivered a keynote speech. He told the audience that he participated in the Peace Memorial Ceremony at Hiroshima, Japan, in 2025 as a representative of Honolulu.

The Honorable Hideaki Chotoku, Consul General of Japan in Honolulu, also spoke, followed by a Buddhist message from Rev. Shingo Furusawa of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and a Christian message delivered by Rev. Roland Bunda of the Marianist Center of Hawaii. For the first time, a Muslim message was provided by Murabbi Hashim Usman of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The closing musical performance "On Wings of Song" by Felix Mendelssohn, was provided by local Japanese musicians. Around 30 people, including YMCA's exchange program students, as well as current and former State legislators participated.

Construction Completed!

Thank you all for your support and patience.



Meeting Room



Staff Room



Termite Fumigation



New Building and Repaved Parking Lot



Accessible Bathroom



"Temizuya" Purification Pavilion

However, increased material costs and extended timeline have raised our funding needs. We respectfully ask for your continued support.

Future Projects

Property Fencing

Torii Gate and Shrine Building Painting
and more!



Pathway

Donations Can Now Be Made Online!

This is the easiest way to give--whether from home, on your phone or during your next visit to the Shrine!



Hawaii Izumo Taisha

120th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon & Entertainment

120 周年記念祝賀式典、昼食会、記念余興

PLEASE JOIN US! LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

是非ご参加ください！一緒にお祝いいたしましょう！

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2026

Time: Doors Open 10:30 a.m. Start 11:00 a.m.

Place: Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort, Kauai Ballroom

Fee: Adults \$80.00 per person, Children (6-11 years old) \$25.00 per person
*Children (5 years old & under) Free

日時: 2026 年 10 月 11 日 (日) 午前 10 時 30 分開場、11 時開宴

会場: シェラトンワイキキビーチリゾート、カウアイボールルーム

会費: 大人 80 ドル、子供 (6 歳~11 歳) 25 ドル、子供 (5 歳以下) 無料

Despite many hardships Hawaii Izumo Taisha has encountered throughout its long history, our ancestors worked hard to help shape it into the Izumo Taisha we know today. So, as the years continue to pass, we should keep supporting Hawaii Izumo Taisha for future generations to understand and appreciate the rich history of our shrine. Let us all celebrate this and many more significant milestones together!

120 年の歴史の中に様々なことがありましたが、私たちのご先祖様方は力を合わせて今日まで繋げて下さいました。これからは私たちが次の世代、子孫のために心と力を合わせて引き継いでいきましょう。その為にも来たる祝賀会には、世代を超えて多くの方々に参加していただきたいです。みんなで参加して、実りのある祝賀会にいたしましょう！

**Congratulations!
120th Anniversary!**



How can I participate?

**FILL OUT ENCLOSED
“GREEN” RESPONSE FORM**

申し込み方法は？

**同封の“緑色”のフォームに記入して
お送りください**

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