

# Ceremonies of the 1300th Anniversary of the Founding of Daisen-ji Temple

Intent Proclaiming Ceremony

May, 2017

Founding Ceremony

20th May, 2018 (Sunday)

10:00~ Founding ceremony at the main hall of Daisen-ji Temple  
13:30~ Special prayer-meeting \*reservation is necessary

Intent Concluding Ceremony

Oct, 2019

These are ceremonies of 1300th anniversary praying for the participants.

Symbol of Totonou (to be harmonized)



調ふ (Totonou)

The mountain will harmonize the necessary parts for us  
Harmonizing the body, the breathing and the mind

People living in areas where Mt Daisen can be seen are always grateful to Mt Daisen, because Mt Daisen harmonizes them.  
Water from the beech forest flow to villages, to the sea and then return to the mountain, giving abundant blessings to Hoki Province.

Receiving blessings from Mt. Daisen, one's body will be harmonious.  
Breathing in that air, one's breathing will be harmonious.  
Being carried in mountain's bosom, one's mind will be harmonious.



## The Founding of Daisen-ji Temple

Daisen-ji Temple was found by a lapidary called Yorimichi from Izumo Province in 718, the Nara period. According to "Daisen-ji Enki", one day Yorimichi ran after a gold wolf into Mt Daisen-ji and was about to make a bow shot to kill it. Jizo Bodhisattva appeared in front of the bow and all of a sudden he decided to dump his bow and arrows. Then wolf suddenly transformed into an aged nun and talked to Yorimichi. Because of this experience Ido became a monk, trained oneself in Buddhism, worshiped Jizo Gongen in that mountain and his name to Konren. The nearly same narrative was also found in "Senshusho".

(Extracts from the pamphlet of Daisen-ji Temple)

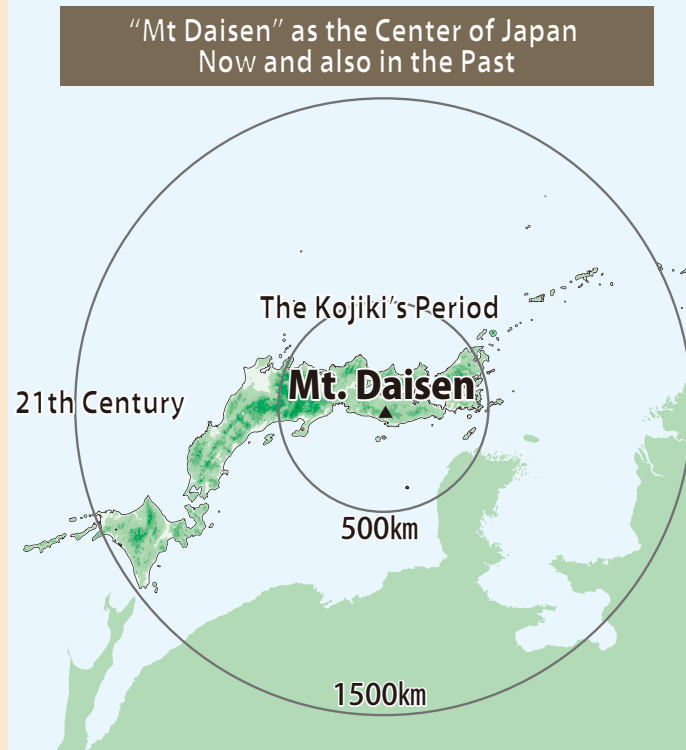
- 607: Nara Horyu-ji Temple
- 712: Kojiki (Records of Ancient Matters)
- 718: **Daisen-ji Temple**
- 720: Nihon Shoki (The Chronicles of Japan)
- 759: Manyoshu (Collection to Last Ten Thousand Ages)
- 788: Enryaku-ji Temple
- 816: Kongobu-ji Temple
- 919: Tenman-gu Shrine

Daisen-ji temple prospered as a place for religious training of Shugendo, to be converted to mountain worship. After the Heian period, mountain worship became buddhisized and the number of temples greatly increased. At the peak of the boom, there were more than 100 temples and 3,000 monk soldiers.

Japan Heritage "Japan's Largest Livestock Market Born of Jizo Bodhisattva Worship"



Because Jizo Bodhisattva is a buddha saving all kinds of animals, in the Heian period a priest of high virtue of Daisen-ji temple, namely Shonin Kiko, distributed paper charms of divine protection for the cattle and horses, and encouraged people to herd their cattle and horses into the pasture on the mountainside of Mt Daisen. The religious faith about livestock hence became widely-spread. The good physique of the cattle herd on the pasture on the mountainside of Mt Daisen, which is suitable for herding livestock, drew the attention of the worshippers, and the worshippers brought their livestock and held livestock competition at Daisen-ji temple's spring festival. This practice resulted in active exchanging and trading of livestock since the Kamakura period and finally developed into a livestock market.



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Mt Daisen 1300 Years of History Festival

2018 marks the 1300th anniversary of the founding of Daisen-ji Temple

