

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

Intent Proclaiming Ceremony

May, 2017

Founding Ceremony

20th May, 2017 (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)

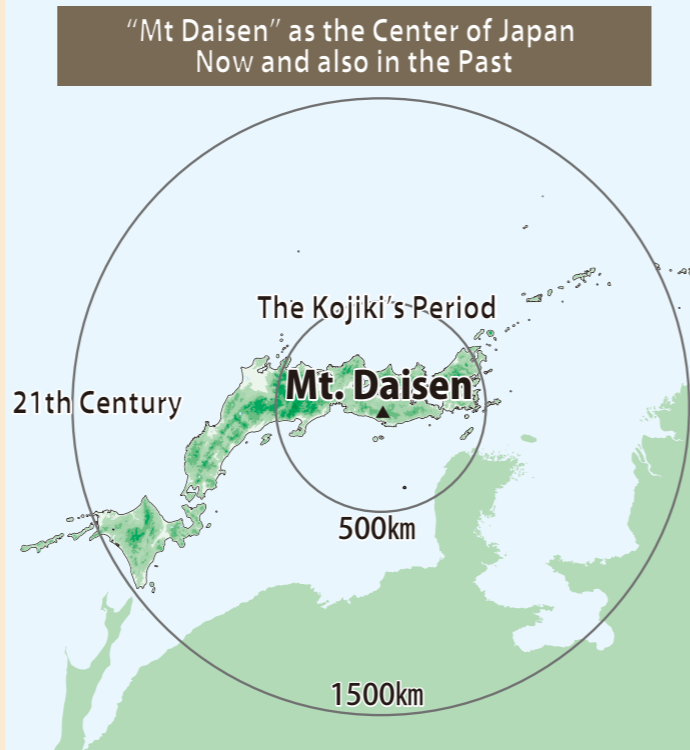
- 607: Nara Horyu-ji Temple
- 712: Kojiki (Records of Ancient Matters)
- 718: **Daisen-ji Temple**
- 720: Nihon Shoki (The Chronicles of Japan)
- 759: Manyoshu (Collection to Last Ten Thousand Ages)
- 788: Enryaku-ji Temple
- 816: Kongobu-ji Temple
- 919: Tenman-gu Shrine

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.



伯耆国「大山開山 1300年祭」

Mt Daisen 1300 Years of History Festival

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





# 2018 Stages of "Praying to Mt Daisen" Series Theme: Totonou (Harmonize)

Held by Daisen-ji Area

## Spring Mikoshi Parade

A prayer ceremony of Daisen-ji temple started in the Heian period. After the ceremony, led by the "ever-burning dharma lights" that has been burning from 1200 years ago, a parade of gods appeared in Japanese tales, Sarutahiko, mikoshi, monk soldiers, children and the nobles of the Heian period will march like a scroll from the Heian period.



## Summer Special Mohitori Shinto Ritual

Mohitori Shinto Ritual held at Mt Daisen on 14th and 15th July every year is designated as a precious intangible cultural property. After the performing Yusai at the Ogamiyama Shrine Okunomiya and Hakensai, Shinto Ritual will be performed in the stone chamber near the peak and holy water and medical herb will be collected. In memory of the 1300th anniversary of the founding of Daisen-ji temple, there will be a special Shinto music and dance performance and holy water distribution on 15th.



## Special Goshuin and Goshuin-cho of 1300th Anniversary of the Founding of Daisen-ji Temple

In memory of 1300th anniversary, 2018's special goshuin (stamp given at a temple) will be given. Also, from the start of the founding ceremony until 11th, special goshuin-cho (stamp notebook) can be bought. (5,000 yen)



Images are of 2017.

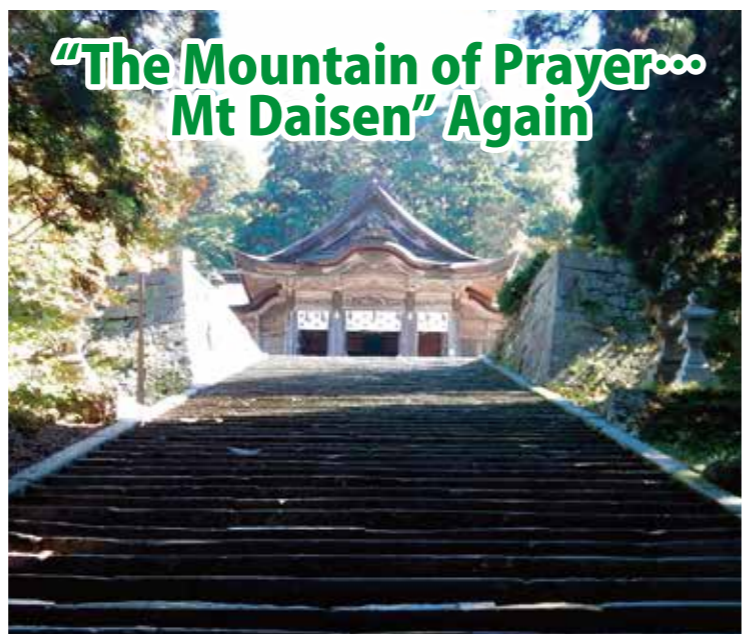
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## Special Prayer Sessions of 1300th Anniversary of the Founding of Daisen-ji Temple

Daisen-ji praying card was a deciding factor for the designation of Matsue castle as a national treasure. Special prayer sessions will be implemented from the start of the founding ceremony until 11th.  
\*reservation is necessary



# 2018 Stages of "Blessings from Mt Daisen" Series Theme: Amazing Daisen Wonders

Held by Executive Committee and other Local Government and Private Sectors

## Feeling the Blessings of Mt Daisen Project

### July/Aug The Treasures of the foot of Mt Daisen ~ Mainly Swords Related to Mt Daisen

■Date: 29th July ~ 26th August  
■Venue: Yonago City Museum of Art Entrance Fee: TBC  
■Content: This place which gave birth to one of the most famous Japanese sword craftsmen, namely Hoki Yasutsuna, will let you understand the blessings brought by Mt. Daisen. Sword Event will be also implemented.



### July/Aug Quiz Solving Treasure Hunt

■Date: 1st July ~ 31st August ■Venue: The Foot of Mt Daisen  
■Fee: Free of Charge  
■Content: Deciphering the treasure map, finding the hidden treasure boxes and learning about the history and culture of the foot of Mt Daisen.

### Sept Autumn Torch Parade

■Date: 30th Sept ■Venue: Ogamiyama Shrine Okunomiya to Bakuroza Parking Area ■Fee: TBC  
■Content: A parade of 1300 torches passing the Shinto fire starting from Ogamiyama Shrine Okunomiya. Blessing of prayer fulfillment will be performed at Bakuroza Parking Area.



## Catch the Star Project

### Catch the Star Daisen Festival

Experiencing the famous and beautiful starry sky that can be seen in Daisen area.

- Simple planetarium
- Observing the starry sky
- Starry sky cafe
- Workshop
- Starry sky concert and so on



### Aug Mt Daisen's Great Votive Lantern

■Date: 10th ~ 15th August and other dates  
■Venue: The Front Approach to Daisen-ji Temple  
■Content: In memory of 1300th anniversary of the founding of the Daisen-ji temple, fancy votive lantern in the form of Japanese umbrellas will be lit on 10th ~ 15th and 24th ~ 26th August and 22nd ~ 24th September.  
\*There will be no Japanese umbrella lantern on 14th and 15th August.



## Green Project

### May Kaikei & Daisen Sea to Summit 2018

Providing a way to enjoy the environment of Mt Daisen

■Date: May  
■Venue: Daisen-Oki National Park  
■Content: Experience the nature by kayaking, cycling and hiking and thinking about the connection between the sea, village and forest.



### Aug 3rd Mountain Day Memorial Event

■Date: 10th and 11th August  
■Venue: Yonago City, Daisen-cho and Others  
■Content: Ceremony and symposium



### Aug Mountain Girl Summit in Tottori

■Date: August  
■Venue: Daisen-ji Temple Bakuroza Parking Area and Others  
■Content: Trekking activities, fashion shows and so on



### Aug New "Daisen Worshipping" Holy Trail

■Date: August  
■Fee & Number of Participants: TBC  
■Venue: From western Tottori to central Tottori (ancient trails, side trails, dry riverbed and so on)  
■Content: Trekking event towards Mt Daisen through ancient trails



## Water and Food Project

Promoting the attractiveness of the rich water, food and Daisen brands

Providing cuisine using Daisen brand food in memory of 1300th Anniversary Farming and Food Festa of 1300th Anniversary (held at the same time with Daisen Brand Festival)  
Memorial Cuisine of Mt Daisen 1300 Years of History Festival (Winter)



## Final Event A Collection of the Attractiveness of Daisen Daisen Wonder Forum

20th and 21st Oct, 2018 (tentative)  
Yonago Convention Center and others

Tying up with "Farming and Food Festa"

With the keyword of "Daisen's Amazingness", Daisen Wonder Forum will be implemented as the ending event of all projects of Mt Daisen 1300 Years of History Festival.

※Event content could be changed. ※The photos are only for illustrative purposes.