



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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Very green season: The month of Hanamatsuri

The birth of Shakyamuni Buddha was the very first step toward the beginnings of Buddhism. It was said in the old Indian tale that the sweet and fragrant warm water poured gently over the newborn baby in the flower garden of Lumbini in northern India (now Nepal), suggested that he would be the Shakyamuni Buddha in later years.

It has been over 2,500 years since the Honored One, from whom so many people in the world have received teachings, was born. Presently, we still continue to celebrate "Hanamatsuri," the Buddha's birthday, here on Maui, far away from India.

At our annual Paia Hanamatsuri we had the opportunity to hear a sermon on the birth of Shakyamuni, from Rev. Shuju Inamura, the new minister of Mantokuji Mission. His dharma talk was well heard by people who filled the temple and we enjoyed lunch, entertainment, and bingo games.

Generous gifts from Toenji were enjoyed as bingo prizes. Thank you to Reverend Chisaka.



今年は暫く振りに雨の多い春となりましたが、花祭り当日は本当に清々しい一日となり、パイアの三つのお寺が満徳寺に集まりお釈迦様のご誕生をお祝いする事が出来ました。色々大変な事も起こりましたが、去年9月末に着任なさいました満徳寺の新しい開教師、稲村先生のご法話をありがたく拝聴し、例年の如く美味しい食事をいただき日本の歌を楽しみ、ビンゴゲームでたくさんの景品を手にする事も出来ました。特に千坂先生が稲富先生にあずけられました変わった線香や数珠は大人気でした。

急病の為皆さんにお会いすることが出来なかった、花園会本部長様は無事ご帰国され、是非また皆様にお会いする為ご訪布されるそうです。どうぞご安心下さい。

Schedule

May 11(Sun) Happy Mother's Day! No cleaning.
18(Sun) 10:00 am Service
26(Mon) Memorial Day Service at Maui Veteran's Cemetery in Makawao

June 8(Sun) Cleaning Day
15(Sun) 10:00 am Service, Father's Day lunch, & Obon meeting

August 16(Sat) is our OBON! Mark your calendars and let family and friends know.

