



おおくす きのみや 來宮神社と大楠

本州1位の巨樹

国内屈指のパワースポット

御神徳

健康長寿

幹を1周廻ると

樹齢2000年超 周囲23.9m 高さ約26m

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古代の日本民族は、大きな木、岩、滝など巨大な自然創造 物に神々が宿っていると信じ、其の自然創造物の前で祭祀を行 い、感謝し祈りを捧げる神籬磐境信仰を持っておりました。時が 流れ建物の文化が進み、それらを中心に社殿、鳥居が建立さ れ神社が形成されたといえます。熱海鎮座の来宮神社は江戸末 期まで『木宮明神』と称し、現在の『來宮』ではなく、『木宮』 の字で古文書等記されております。『木』に宿る神々をお祀りす る神社として崇敬を集め、古来生活文化に欠くことのできない木 に感謝する信仰を有して来ました。

過去には落雷を受け、特に『第2大楠』は木の中身は殆ど 空洞といえます。しかし一年を通じ、恒に青々とした楠の葉を繁 らせ、現在でも成長し続けていることから、超越した生命力を 有する木と信じられ、木の生命力に肖りたいと云う人々の願いか ら、健康長寿・心願成就の御神木と伝えられるようになりました。

心願成就

心に願いを秘めながら 1周すると願い事が叶う伝説

寿命が1年延命する伝説

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御神木 大楠

大楠伝説

太古には、我が国では現代のような家屋はなく、文字もなく 言葉ばかりの時代が長く続いておりました。その頃この社の森に は7本の楠、椎の木、細枝の大木、羊朶類等が自生していて、 昼なお暗く大地を覆っていました。

ところが安政6年(1859年)に熱海村に大網事件という全村 挙げての漁業権をめぐる事件が勃発し、その訴訟費等捻出のため 5本の樟は伐られてしまいました。現在残されているこの大楠を も伐ろうとして樵夫が大鋸を幹に当てようとしたところ忽然として 白髪の老人が現れ、両手を広げてこれを遮る様な姿になると 大鋸は手元真っ二つに折れ、同時に白髪の老人の姿は消えて しまったのです。これは神のお告げであるとして村人等は大樟を 伐ることを中止致しました。

この木が即ち現在ある御神木であります。この大楠に対して 古代の人々は「神の魂にお降り願う木」つまり神の依代として、 この御神木の中に宿る神の魂と人々は対面し、尊び聖なる木と して崇めてまいりました。斯くて二千年の長い間、落雷、暴風 雨など、世の天変地異にも耐え、現在に至っております。

この大樟を人に例えれば、世の中のあらゆる物を知り尽くして いる太古老とでも申しましょうか。然るに二千年を経ても尚樹生 は少しも衰えず、根は深く大地に食い込み、巨岩を抱きかかえ、 幹のこぶは石の様相を呈し、内に溢るる生気は益々旺にして枝 葉は毎日西に東に伸びゆき、未来永劫に生き抜こうとする生命 力の強靭さには恐ろしきものさえ感じ取れます。大樟は「不老 長寿」「無病息災」の象徴とされ、二千年の長寿に肖ろうとす る願いからか、大樟を一周すると「寿命が一年延びる」と信じ られ、願い事がある方は、願い事を心に秘め幹を一周すると願 いが叶うと云い伝えられ、多くの信仰を集めています。

樟の木、常緑樹であるが故、新葉が成長し、古葉が落ちて ゆきます。言い換えれば、親の葉は、子の葉の成長を見届け て落ちてゆくのです。つまり子孫の繁栄、国家の弥栄を象徴して いるともいえます。今の世に大樟のように長寿で然も厳然として 物にも動せず、ひたすらに正しく生きる道に徹することが出来た ならば、なんと幸せな事でありましょう。これに肖り、今現在で も国内外の方々をはじめ、訪れ願う参拝者はあとを絶ちません。

最後に大樟を称えた、故佐々木信綱先生の詩歌を紹介いた します。

「来宮は樹齢二千年の大樟のもと 御國の栄え祈りまつらむ」

樹齢2000年超という長い歴史のなかで、多くの人々が、この大楠から神徳(しんとく)と恵みを戴いて助け導かれて 来た事でしょう。悩みを抱えたり、願いを叶えたいとき、大楠の前で手を合わせ祈り、自分自身をも見つめ直す良い 機会と成ります。今でも年回通じて、幾度となくお参りをされている参拝者が跡を絶ちません。

大楠の葉も新緑となり 生命力に満ち溢れる時期 毎年5月5日は大楠祭

二千年超の 祈りと感謝を物語る 來宮の杜

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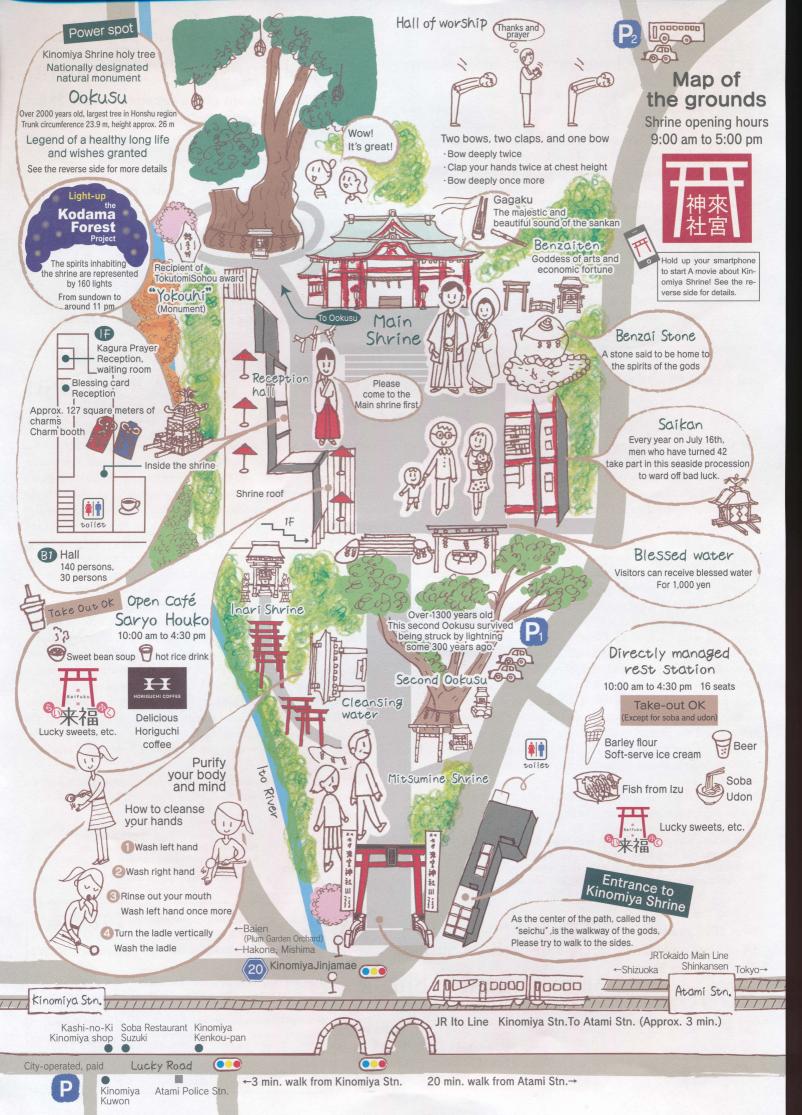
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Kinomiya Shrine and Ookusu

The ancient people of Japan believed that gods dwelled in large natural formations, such as large trees, rocks, and waterfalls, and performed rituals in front of these natural formations, giving their thanks and prayers. This was called the Himorogilwasaka faith. As time progressed, and the culture of buildings advanced, it is believed that the modern shrine came into existence, with shrine pavilions and torii gates being constructed. Kinomiya Shrine, located in Atami, was known as "KinomiyaMyojin" until the end of the Edo period, and was written as "Ki" (tree) in ancient texts as opposed to the current "Ki" (come). The shrine was revered as a place to worship the gods that dwelled in the trees, and nurtured a faith for giving thanks to the trees, which were a crucial part of ancient lifestyle and culture.

In the past, lightning struck the trees, and in particular, the "2nd Ookusu" tree is believed to be mostly hollow. However, throughout the year, the camphor trees become lush with leaves, and given the fact that even today the tree is still growing, the tree is believed to have tremendous vitality. Based on the people's wishes to have the tree's vitality rub off on them, the tree has been worshipped as a Sacred Tree that grants health and longevity, and grants wishes.

One of Japan's foremost power spots

The largest tree in Honshu

Over 2000 years old with a circumference of 23.9m and a height of approximately 26m

Blessings

1992 Ministry of the Environment survey Ministry of Education (current Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) designated on February 28th 1933

Legend states that with one lap around the trunk, you add one year to your life.

Grants wishes

Health and longevity

Legend states that if you do a lap around the trunk while making a wish, it will come true.

It does not matter which way you go around the trunk. Choose whichever way after offering up your prayers.



Ookusu Legend

In ancient times, there was a long period where our country did not have houses like modern times, nor did we have written language, only speech. During this time, the shrine's forest had seven camphor trees, chinkapin trees, large trees with small branches, and ferns growing naturally, which covered the land so that it was dark even during

However in 1859, at Atami village, the entire village was involved in the Ooami incident, an incident regarding fishing rights, and as a means to generate money to cover the lawsuit expenses, five camphor trees were cut down. When the Ookusu, which still exists today, was about to be cut down, the moment the logger's saw was about to touch the trunk, an old man with white hair appeared out of nowhere, and spread his arms out to block the saw. The saw then broke in two, and the white-haired old man disappeared. The villagers believed this was a message from the gods, and decided not to cut the tree down.

This tree is the current Sacred Tree. The ancient people called this large camphor tree "the tree which we call upon the spirit of the gods to descend upon". In other words, as a physical object for the gods to occupy, and the people would face the spirit of the gods within the Sacred Tree and honor it as such. Thus, for over 2000 years, the tree has withstood lightning strikes, storms, and other natural disasters to this day.

Comparing this large camphor tree to a person, this tree would be like a wise elder, knowing all there is to know on this Earth. For over 2000

years, this tree has not weakened, with its roots embedded deep in the earth, grasping a giant boulder, the knots of the trunk resembling rocks, and the life spirit that dwells within the tree increasingly growing, with its branches sprawling east and west every day. One can even sense the awesome thing that is the tree's vitality and its resolve to live eternally. The large camphor is a symbol of perpetual youth and longevity, as well as good health. Because of the people's wishes to have the longevity of this 2000 year old tree extend to them, it is believed that if you circle around the tree, with every lap, your life extends by one year, and those with wishes will have them granted with a lap around the tree, garnering lots of believers.

Because the camphor tree is an evergreen tree, the new leaves will grow, and old leaves will fall off. In other words, the parent leaves watch as their children grow, and fall to the ground. Thus, this tree represents the prosperity of our offspring and the nation. It would be a wondrous thing if we could be like this giant camphor tree, living a long life with dignity and gravity, living honestly and straight as an arrow. Even today, this tree has countless visitors from both Japan and overseas that have been moved by it.

Finally, a poem about the giant camphor by the late Nobutsuna

"Kinomiya, along with the 2000 year old giant camphor, prays for the prosperity of the kingdom."

In its long history of over 2000 years, many people have come to this giant camphor to be blessed by the gods and seek guidance. When you are troubled, or when you want a wish to come true, pray in front of the giant camphor as it provides a good opportunity to reflect upon yourself. Even today, there is an unending procession of worshippers who make several pilgrimages to the tree in a year.

New green leaves grace the Ookusu tree It is a time overflowing with the power of life

Each year, May 5th is the Ookusu festival

Telling the tale of over 2000 years Of prayers and thanks The Kinomiya Shrine

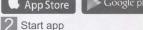
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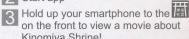
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