

Revering the sacred mountain Hakusan, celebrating the eternity of time.
1,300 years of unchanged nature and returning souls.

A place in Kaga where since times immemorial the Hakusan faith has taken root, where nature has been honored and respected.

Sitting atop that soil, Natadera Temple was founded in 717 by the first person to climb the sacred Mt. Hakusan; the monk Taicho, who also enshrined the Eleven-faced Thousand-armed Kannon here.

Revered by many historical figures such as Cloistered Emperor Kazan and Maeda Toshitsune, 2017 marks the 1,300 year anniversary of Natadera Temple's founding. With deep feelings of reverence towards the gods of Hakusan, who have protected many people's souls, we will unveil the Eleven-faced Thousand-armed Kannon, and hold the 2017 Natadera Temple Grand Festival to connect and purify the bond between nature and people.

The main temple's Eleven-faced Thousand-armed Kannon

2017 Natadera Temple Grand Festival Celebrating 1,300 Years

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Daihikaku (Main Shrine)

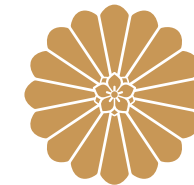


Kondou Keouden

A special year for Natadera Temple - see the Bodhisattva & refresh your Soul

2017 Natadera Temple Grand Festival Celebrating 1,300 Years

Unveiling of the Principal Object of Worship, the Eleven-faced Thousand-armed Kannon



Unveiling period
**9 April (Sun) to
31 October (Tue)**

On 9 April the door of the shrine containing the hibitsu (Buddhist image normally withheld from public view) principle image of worship, the “Eleven-faced Thousand-armed Kannon”, will be opened in a Buddhist ceremony performed once every 33 years. The unveiling of the principle image will last until 31 October. The breath of history can be felt in the appearance of the principal image. Also, during the period the Kannon rope will be connected to the principal image, binding a connection with Buddha.

Event Schedule

18 January (Wed) 10am~
Foundation Anniversary
First Holy Fire Ceremony

9 April (Sun) 10am~
Sacred Tree Torii-Gate Construction Festival

Last year, two sacred trees were brought from the base of Hakusan and a giant torii-gate was erected in front of the temple gate.



23 April (Sun) 1pm~
Celebrating 1,300 Years - Buddhist
Image Unveiling Ceremony

Officiating monk: Chief abbot of the Koyasan Shingon sect • Children's procession • Rice cake scattering

One of the important rituals that forms a bond with the unveiled principal image. With the chief abbot of the Koyasan Shingon sect as the officiating monk, a Buddhist service celebrating the founding and the unveiling will be solemnly carried out. Famous actor Ken Matsudaira will be welcomed as a guest, there will be rice cake scattering, and also a spectacular children's procession. (On the day, there will be a transport service from a temporary car park. Please check the homepage for details)

Events during the Grand Festival

- Special exhibition: First public showing of treasured articles (treasure hall)
- Celebrating 1,300 years - holy fire ceremony (holy fire ceremony area)
- Kaga Onsen Healing Buddha Tour (June)



Various commemoration items and Goshuin (a stamp given at temples) will be available.