

## Hakusan Jinja Shrine

Hakusan Jinja Shrine is dedicated to Izanagi and Izanami, gods who gave birth to the islands of Japan in Shinto mythology, as well as to the goddess Kukurihime no Kami. The name of the shrine derives from Shirayamahime Jinja Shrine in Hakusan City, Ishikawa Prefecture. Shirayamahime Shrine is dedicated to the same three gods and is the head of all Hakusan shrines in Japan.

Hakusan Jinja was founded in 850. It was moved to its present location from Ichinoseki to serve as a spiritual defense for the north side of Chusonji Temple. It also functioned as a Buddhist temple and housed a statue of Kannon, the bodhisattva of compassion. A series of fires destroyed the statue as well as buildings that were erected in the Muromachi period (1336–1573). The current halls date to around 1900.