

Wakamiya Jinja Shrine

This shrine was established in 1908 by merging 10 smaller local shrines. For many years thereafter, Wakamiya Jinja shrine performed many of the religious ceremonies held by its constituent shrines: a total of some 40 events every year. One of the most famous was the Bo-neri Matsuri (Pole Procession Festival), which had been held every year without fail since 1671. However, due to the steep decline in the number of islanders young enough to participate, the performance of that tradition was suspended in 2015. The shrine continues to host many other rites and festivals throughout the year.