

## **Nankun-sha**

Nankun-sha is the second stop in the Hattatsu Mairi.

Hattatsu Mairi hours: 6:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Prayer donation: 1,500 yen

Nankun-sha is devoted to Uka no Mitama no Mikoto, a deity of grain and agriculture and a manifestation of the god Inari. As the second stop of the Hattatsu Mairi, Nankun-sha is associated with the dedication and hard work required to run a business. Visitors performing the more complex Minori Mairi rite can exchange the sacred rice seed for a stalk of rice here; the rice stalk can be exchanged again at the next shrine, Ōtoshi-sha.

Clay figurines of beckoning cats called *shōfuku neko* are available at Nankun-sha for visitors performing the Hattatsu Mairi. The prosperity-bringing charms come in two types. Cats with the left paw raised are said to attract customers to businesses that display them and are offered during odd-numbered months of the year. Cats with the right paw raised are said to bring financial wealth; they are available in even-numbered months.