

# Harima-no-Kuni Sohsha

Daishoumyoujin 174 gods in Harima area  
in Harima-no-Kuni-Soushinden

## Itate-Hyouzu-Jinja

Hyouzu-no-Ohkami  
(The god of Marriage)

Itate-no-Ohkami  
(The god that planted trees)

\*The History of Harima-no-Kuni Sohsha\*

The gods of this shrine have been worshipped for more than 1400 years.

"Harima-Fudoki", the book of history in Harima, says that Hyouzu-no-Ohkami descended to Mt. Mizuo (which is located at Shikamanokouri Iwanosato) in 564 A.D.

"Engishiki-Jinmyocho", is a book in which main gods and shrines of Japan are written about.

According to Engishiki-Jinmyocho, two gods, Hyouzu-no-Ohkami and Itate-no-Ohkami, have been enshrined together at Itate-Hyouzu-Jinja.

174 gods have been worshipped since they were enshrined in the grounds of Itate-Hyouzu-Jinja in 1181 A.D.



Nade-Mimizuku

The owl made of copper in this shrine is worshipped as a symbol of intellect and is said to be a bird of luck.

# Sohsha and its connection with Himeji Castle.



The successive lords of Himeji Castle had venerated Sohsha as a guardian god of Himeji castle and their families from the middle ages when Akamatsu reigned over this area to modern times.

It is known that they donated the estate and the main building of the Shinto shrine to Sohsha and venerated Sohsha deeply.

## Donation and constructions of successive lords of Himeji Castle.

1)Yoshimasa Akamatsu donated "Doshou", a bell made of copper, in 1506.

(An Important cultural asset of Himeji city which still exists.)

2)Terumasa Ikeda constructed "Taiko Bashi" , the arched bridge made of stone, in 1607.

3)Tadamasa Honda constructed "Sohsha Soushinden Tamagaki", the fence of Sohsha Soushinden, in 1624.

4)Tadatsugu Sakakibara donated "Ohtorii" a big Shinto shrine archway, in 1652.

(An important cultural asset of Hyogo prefecture which still exists.)

## Himeji Mamori

This is a talisman which brings us good fortune and happiness.



## Shiawasesan Mamori

This is a talisman which protects us from evil spirits and disasters.



**Mimimaru**

This is the mascot of Sohsha.

**The entrance of  
"Sohsha-Gomon"**



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