

# Toyoukedaijingu -Geku-

豊受大神宮(外宮)

Toyoukedaijingu is dedicated to Toyo'uke-no-Omikami. Some 1,500 years ago, this *kami* was, in accordance with a revelation from Amaterasu-Omikami, summoned and enshrined here. Toyo'uke-no-Omikami joins Amaterasu-Omikami in Jingu as her provider of companionship and sacred foods. She blesses us with abundant harvests and is the guardian of well-being, providing cloth, food and shelter.

**Imbiyaden 忌火屋敷**  
In order to prepare for the daily offering of sacred food, Jingu priests purify themselves by taking a ritual bath and spending one night at an abstinence hall inside the precinct. Early in the morning, priests prepare the sacred food with a pure fire ignited by using an ancient-style wooden device.

**Main sanctuary 正宮**  
The architectural style of the divine palace of Geku is almost the same as that of Naiku but there is a hall called Mikeden, which is unique to Geku.

**Kodenchi 古殿地**  
The alternate site where the previous divine palace stood. On the occasion of the next Shikinen Sengu, a new divine palace will be constructed here.

**Mikeden 御饌殿**  
Here twice a day, Jingu priests offer sacred food to Amaterasu-Omikami and other *kami* of Jingu to pray for prosperity of the Imperial family and happiness of the world. This ritual has been conducted for over 1,500 years since the establishment of Geku.

**Kaguraden 神楽殿**  
Hall for a personal prayer by offering ceremonial music and dance

**Kaze-no-miya 風宮**  
One of the superior affiliated *jinja* dedicated to *kami* of wind. Here and at Kazahinomimiya of Naiku, the same *kami* are enshrined and they have influence on climate.

**Taka-no-miya 多賀宮**  
One of the superior affiliated *jinja* dedicated to a vigorous spirit of Toyo'uke-no-Omikami. This *jinja* is located on a hill after about 100 stone steps.

**Tsuchi-no-miya 土宮**  
One of the superior affiliated *jinja* dedicated to a *kami* who protects the precinct of Geku. It is said that this *kami* has been enshrined and revered as a guardian of this area before the establishment of Geku.

**Temizusha 手水舎**  
Before approaching the main sanctuary, pilgrims make their ablutions here in the following manners.  
① Take the dipper and pour some water over your left hand and right hand in turn.  
② Pour water into your left cupped hand and rinse your mouth. Please do not touch the dipper directly to your mouth  
③ Rinse your left hand once more and tilt the dipper so that the remaining water trickles down the handle to cleanse it.

**Hiyokebashi Bridge 火除橋**  
These wooden bridges mark the entrance to Geku.



## Jingu - 神宮 -

Jingu, generally known as Ise Jingu, consists of 125 *jinja* (Shinto shrines), centered around Kotaijingu (Naiku) and Toyo'uke-daijingu (Geku). There are many affiliated *jinja* and some auxiliary *jinja* in and around Ise city. In land area, Jingu is roughly the same size as the city of Paris. More than 1,500 rituals are conducted here yearly to pray for the prosperity of the Imperial family and happiness of the world.



**Access to Jingu**

■ Railways and Bus  
To Naiku : 15 minutes by bus from Kintetsu Ujiyama Station  
To Geku : 10 minutes on foot from JR/Kintetsu Ise Station  
Between Naiku and Geku : There is a bus that runs between Naiku and Geku.

■ By car  
To Naiku and Geku : 5 minutes by car from the Ise West Interchange on the Ise Expressway

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