

The 23rd Japan-America Grassroots Summit 2013

in SHIMANE

1 July – 8 July, 2013

6 nights 8 days, including 3 nights homestay

しまね大会



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine



Tamatsukuri Hot Spring



Delicious seafood



Lake Shinjiko

Japan, with its history spanning over 2000 years, has a rich and well-defined culture that can be enjoyed wherever you happen to travel. Much of that culture finds its roots in Japanese mythology, from the stories transcribed in the *Nihon Shoki* (Chronicles of Japan) and the *Kojiki* (Records of Ancient Matters) to local myths and legends.

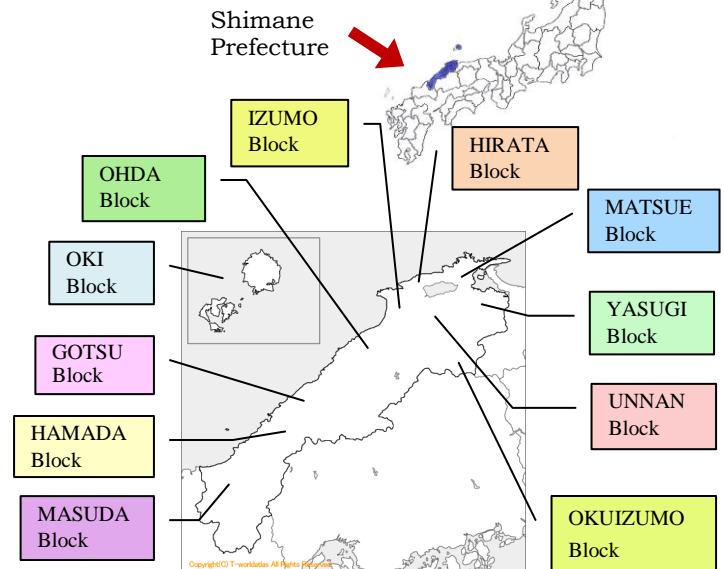
Shimane Prefecture, located to the north of Hiroshima Prefecture, is home to many places that feature prominently in those legends. Not only that, but many of these legends connect very closely with different facets of Japanese culture well known throughout the world.

That is part of what makes Shimane such an interesting place; you can see that connection in places and stories throughout the region, and often, those facets of Japanese culture find their origin here. The world of legends and the world of modern life co-exist here so closely that it is unsurprising to find places that are the stage for legends just off the beaten path.



Shimane Grassroots Summit 2013

The Grassroots Summit includes a home stay program aimed at heartfelt exchange between American and Japanese citizens, regardless of age or language ability.



Local Session Cities and Towns in Shimane

What is the Japan-America Grassroots Summit?

The Japan- America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. The Summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between Japan and America by fostering grassroots friendship. The Summit is managed jointly by the CIE and the local Summit Volunteer Committee.

The Grassroots Summit will be held in various locations throughout SHIMANE. The key persons and volunteers of the cities and towns are busy preparing to welcome their American guests next summer. They are all looking forward to meeting and making lasting a friendship with you!!



Shimane Grassroots Summit Committee Volunteers

Planned Itinerary

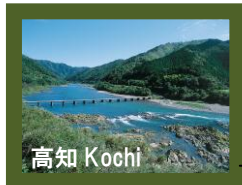
July 1 st (Mon.)	Depart the U.S.
July 2 nd (Tue.)	Arrive in Shimane (Hotel stay in Matsue city)
July 3 rd (Wed.)	Opening Ceremony at Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine & Welcome Reception at Shimane Winery (Hotel stay in Matsue or Izumo city)
July 4 th (Thu.) ~6 th (Sat.)	Local Session (Home stay program)
July 7 th (Sun.)	Closing Ceremony at Matsue English Garden (Stay at Tamatsukuri Hot Spring)
July 8 th (Mon.)	Depart Shimane



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine

Post Summit Optional Programs

After the Summit is over, you can extend your stay in Japan to discover more about the culture of Japan. We will offer some optional tours after the Summit.



高知 Kochi



広島 Hiroshima



京都 Kyoto



能登 Noto



宮城 Miyagi

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