

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAMAGUSHI HOTEN

The representative stands up as soon as his or her name is called; steps toward the kannushi (shintomaster); bows once; and receives the tamagushi (sacred sprig) from the kannushi and offers as follows.

The stem side of the sprig is received with the palm of your right hand facing downward. Hold the leafy end on the palm of your left hand. The left hand side of the sprig is located slightly higher than the right hand side.

After receiving the tamagushi from the kannushi, face toward the saidan; raise the tamagushi to eye level and step forward to the saidan; stop when you face the lowest shelf of the saidan.

Bow once in the front of saidan.



Pull your right hand toward you. By this movement the right hand palm will face up; at the same time your left hand thrusts forward. The tamagushi is now in line with the axis between saidan and yourself.



Pull your left hand toward you, until it laps with your right hand. Next, take hold of the leafy end with the palm of your right hand.



Hold the stem of the sacred sprig with your left hand and turn the sprig clockwise with your left hand. Bring your right hand toward you, until the sacred sprig is in line with the axis between the saidan and your self. The stem is now pointing forward.



Offer the sacred sprig on the lowest shelf of the saidan.

Deeply bow twice, clap your hands twice and deeply bow once.

Step backward, while facing the saidan, until you leave the ceremonial area. Turn and before you return to your seat, it is courteous to bow lightly to the kannushi.