

Isé Jingu O-taue Shinji - Isé Divine Rice Planting Festival

There are numerous local festivals governed by the agricultural calendar, and as regions and climates vary, so do the Kami worshipped and the religious practices.

The most famous of all Shinto shrines is the Grand Shrine at Isé, which is seen as the national shrine, not only of Shinto, but of Japan as a whole. The rice planting at Isé, on 15 June, is a unifying ceremony which has meaning to all followers of Shinto, wherever they are. It is said that the designated rice fields at Isé are over one thousand years old.