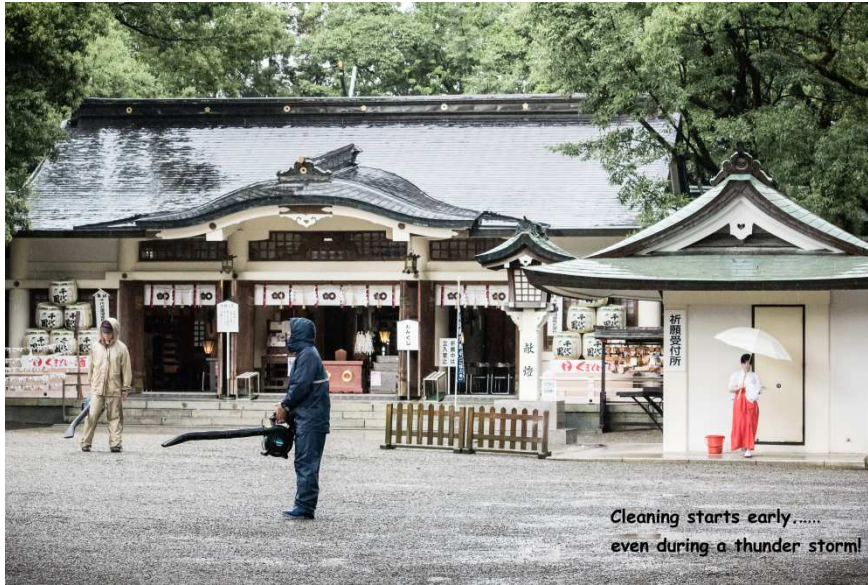




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A priest bangs a drum to signal the beginning of the morning prayer session....



The priests gather in front of the altar to pray....



After morning prayers,
the miko wait to greet
worshippers...

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The shrine often receives offerings of sake from worshippers.



Sharing a joke.....





A worshipper using a haraigushi to purify her friend.



Deep in prayer....



The miko also work in the shrine shop, where they sell fortune papers and other small items.



Making gift bags for the children.



Waiting for the last worshippers to leave after a long day.....