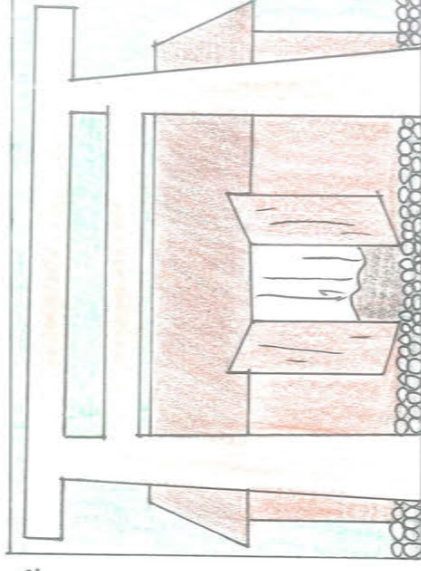


Do you know "Mishiodono" shrine?

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Do you know "Mishiodono" shrine? In my hometown, Futami, we also call it "Mishioden" shrine. It is one part of Naiku. The place where people make salt for Gods is Mishiodono shrine. This salt is important for Ise Jingu. Every summer, we collect rich-salty water from Mishiohama, on the right side of Isuzu-river, to make "Arashio". My great uncle is the one who makes this "Arashio". Arashio is stuffed into the triangular pyrammid pottery.



My great uncle's job is pretty important. Every March and October, he makes about one hundred pieces of "Katashio".

There is a festival in Mishiodono shrine on October 5th every year. After this festival, we have one process called "Yakigatame" to make "Katashio". The salt called "Arashio" is packed in the triangular pyramid-like earthen ware. My great uncle pushes "Arashio" into this pottery using a wooden spoon, and he repeats it again and again. He makes twenty pieces of Katashio a day, and completes about one hundred pieces of Katashio in five days. My great uncle always sits on small stones, "shiraishi", only covered by a thin cloth, and works hard during the day. Can you do that? I can't do it.



After that, these "Katashio" are carried into the "Kamado" and baked hard. Through these processes, "Katashio" becomes "Mishio". Amaterasuōmikami eats this "Mishio".

I respect my great uncle very much. However, I have never visited "Mishioden" shrine. So, I would like to go there when I have a chance. Also, I would like to do something like my great uncle does in the future.

(テーマを選んだ理由)

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