The Bonden men

pushing and jostling

sending out steam

Hidenori

In 673, En no Ozunu founded a temple on the top of Mount Taihei to gain supernatural power through discipline. Later he became a divine being of power as one of the deities of the shrine. At Bonden festival, each team dedicates their Bonden to the shrine energetically, showing how hard they have trained or how powerful they are among all Bonden men.