

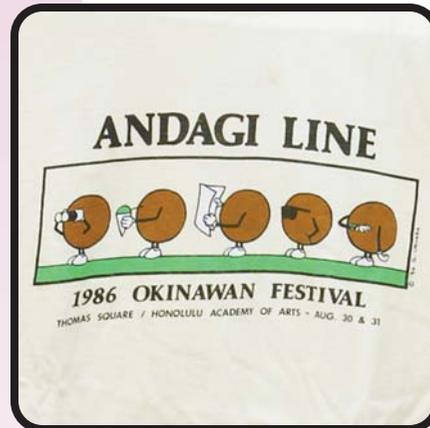


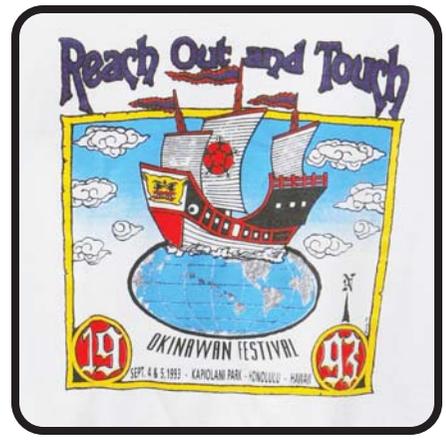
## T-shirts from the Okinawan Festivals

A popular souvenir of the Okinawan Festivals in Hawaii has always been the teeshirts, because the designs reflect the annual themes for the festivals. Gordon Uyehara has designed many shirts for the Okinawan Festivals, some of which are shown below:



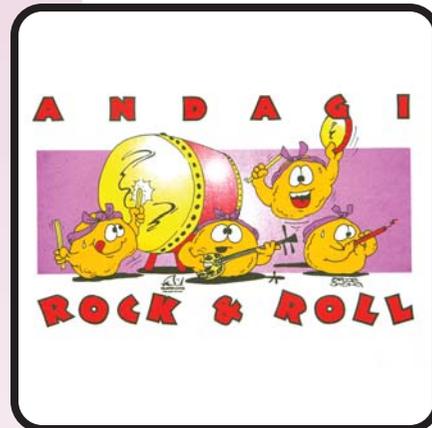
*Gordon Uyehara checking shisa for cavities*







## T-shirts from the Okinawan Festivals







## Hawaii Okinawa Center

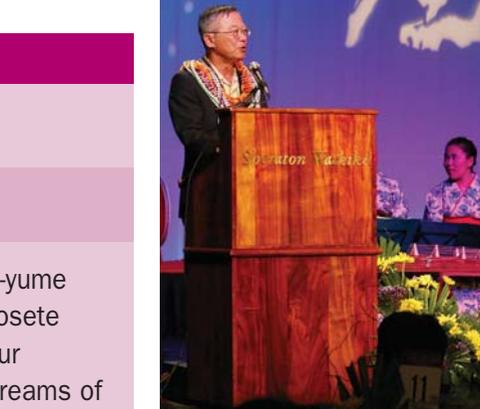




## Worldwide Uchinanchu Festivals in Okinawa

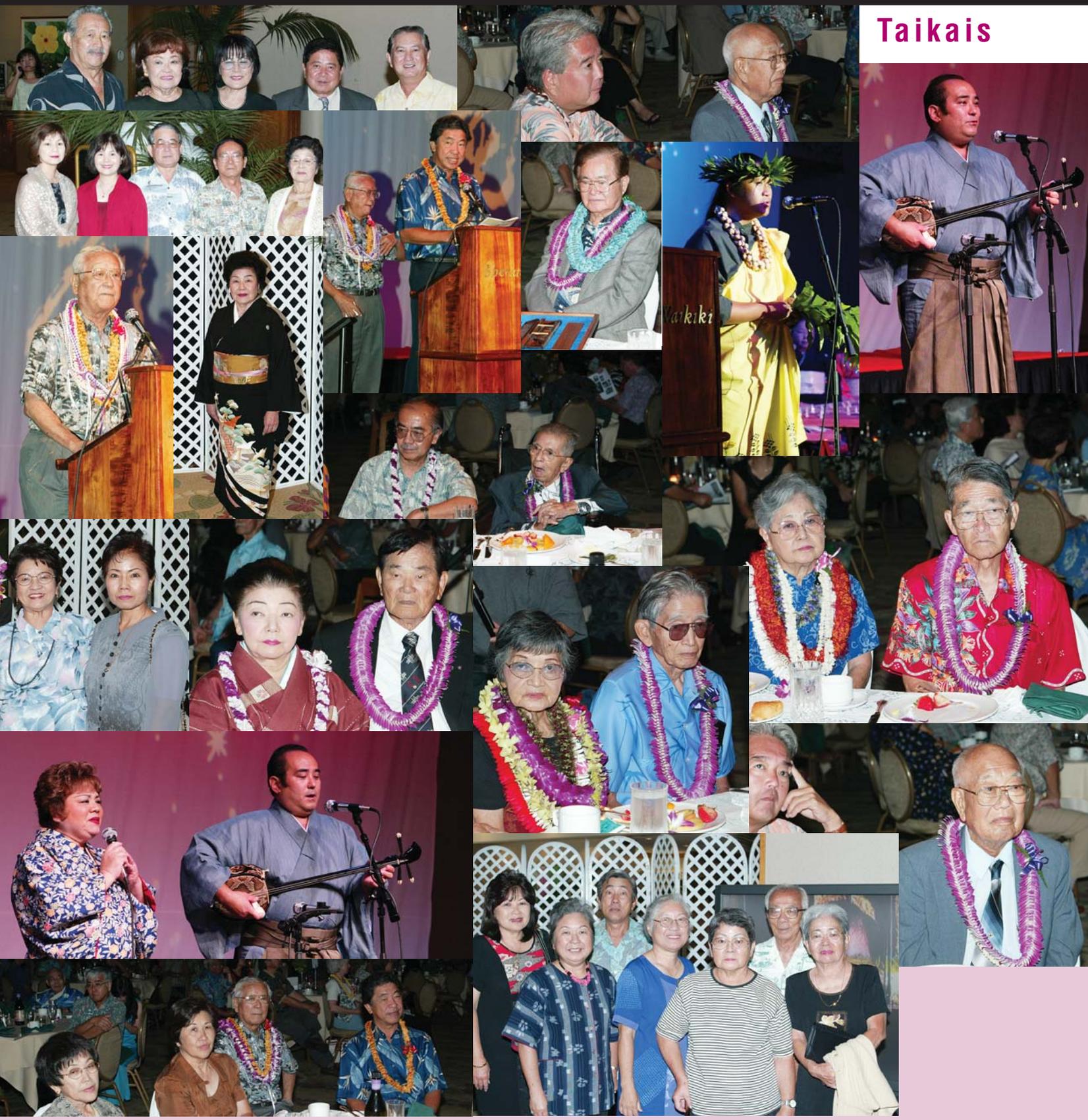
	Festival I	Festival II	Festival III
Year	1990	1995	2001
Period	Aug. 23 to 26	Nov. 15 to 19	Nov. 1 to 4
Theme	Okinawa – Hito Sono hirogari wo motomete (Uchinanchu Seeking New Horizons)	Umi wo koe, Kotoba wo koete (Uchinanchu Dreams Go Beyond the Horizon)	Mirai chura-yume kokoro-ni-nosete (Keeping Our Beautiful Dreams of the Future in Our Hearts)
Overseas Participants	2,397	3,409	4,025

Okinawan emigrants left their mother country to venture over far horizons to seek new lives in different nations of the world. Okinawa is very proud of its international Uchinanchu and heartedly welcomes them home at the Worldwide Uchinanchu Festivals.





# Taikais





# Beards 'R Us



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### Compare whiskers tomorrow at 7th Annual Taste of Okinawa

From left, back row: Keith Nakaganeke, Brad Wilcox, Jimmy Yonaha, George Kuba; middle, Wes Sakamoto, Hiromichi Nago, Ed Kuba, Henry Isara; front, Bob Nakasone, John Tasato and Tom Nago.

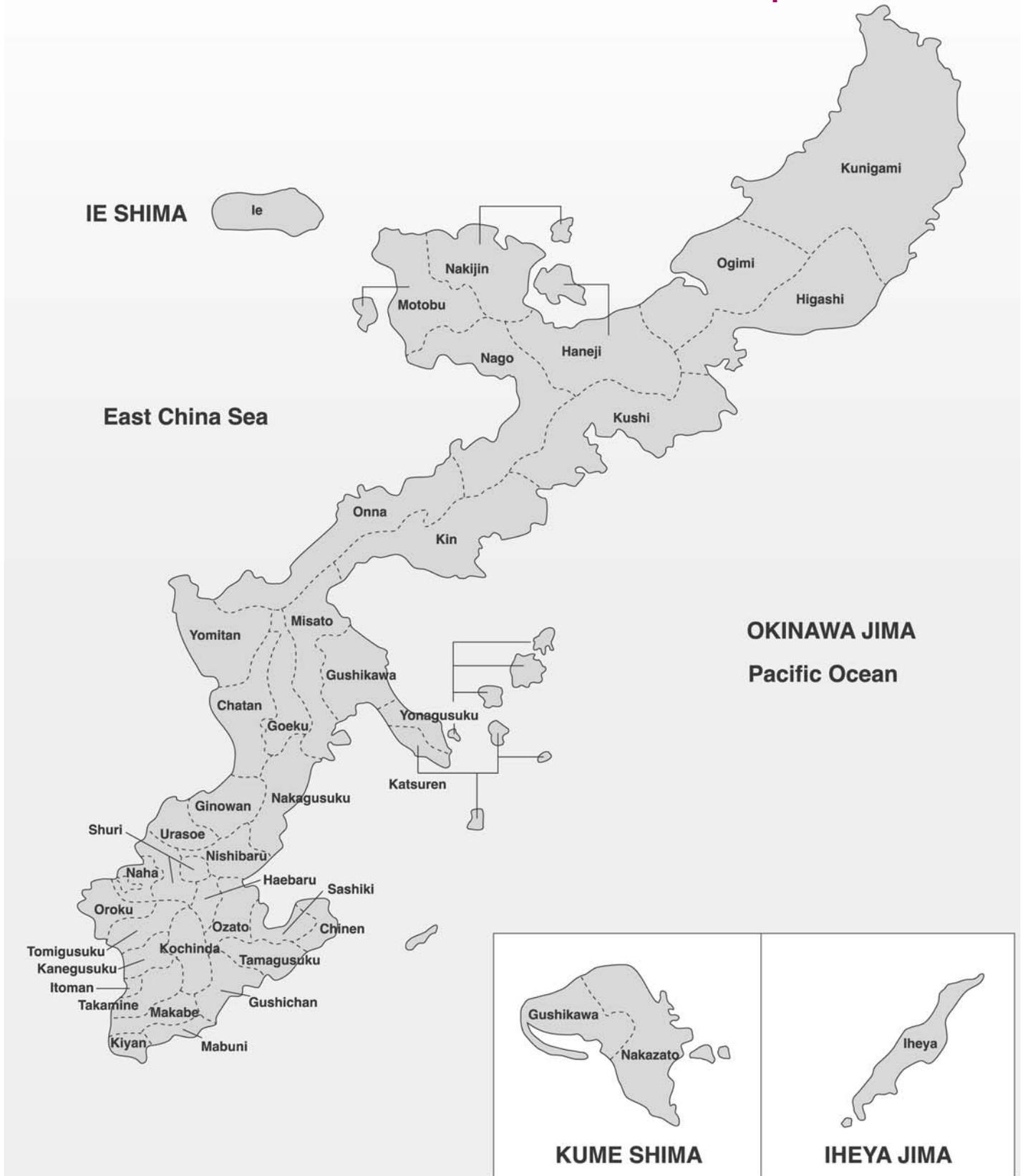
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Some of Hawaii's most prominent Okinawans are growing beards to demonstrate a commitment to their heritage. Members of the Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association-International, one of the organizers of tomorrow's 7th Annual Taste of Okinawa, have been growing beards for two months. They will shave them off in September, but will be at tomorrow's event to compare their beards with those being grown by members from the Japanese island and South America. The Taste of Okinawa is a fund-raiser for the first worldwide Uchinanchu Conference in Hawaii, Aug. 28 to Sept. 2. Taste of Okinawa, 4:30 to 9 p.m., at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center, opens with a panel discussion on the differences in diet between people in Okinawa and people in Wai'anae. Tickets are \$40 at the center, 94-587 Ukee St., Waipio' Gentry. Call to reserve a spot: 523-9636.



# Map of Okinawa



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## Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association

### *What is WUB?*

WUB (Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association) is a network of Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-Heart, whose members are drawn from business and professional communities throughout the world. There are 21 WUB chapters located in Hawaii, North America, Okinawa and Japan, as well as South America, Europe and Southeast Asia, which exchange information on business opportunities, support the efforts of their sister chapters and promote cultural and educational exchanges so that members of the worldwide Uchinanchu community can meet face to face.

### **What does it do?**

WUB provides a way for businessmen and women to explore new markets, develop contacts and gain access to competent, trustworthy professionals with wide ranges of expertise. Uchinanchu have always relied on networking to get ahead in their own communities. WUB takes this time-honored Okinawan “moai” practice to the next level, a worldwide Uchinanchu business community.

### **Mission Objectives**

To develop and maintain an international network among Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-Heart.

To provide information on business and professional opportunities for the international Uchinanchu community.

To support Okinawan cultural and educational exchanges.

To broaden the horizons for our children and grandchildren by helping them become better international citizens.

### **WUB CHAPTERS AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS**

#### **Argentina**

*Luis Iraha*

#### **Bolivia**

*Marcos Nakada*

#### **Brazil**

*Shinji Yonamine*

#### **Canada**

*Mike Kayo*

#### **China**

*Eisho Arihama*

#### **Europe**

*Yasuro Arasaki*

#### **Guam**

*James Odaka*

#### **Hawaii**

*Wes Sakamoto*

#### **Hong Kong**

*Evan Miao*

#### **Kansai**

*Shinko Nakazato*

#### **Malaysia**

*Daniel Liew Ming Ch'ze*

#### **Maui**

*Clarence Uehara*

#### **Mexico**

*Jarumi Veyrand Yamakawa*

#### **North America**

*Shinyu Tawada*

#### **Okinawa**

*Taizo Makishi*

#### **Peru**

*Oscar Tokumura*

#### **Philippines**

*Junko Higa Solis*

#### **Singapore**

*Hirokazu Teruya*

#### **Taiwan**

*Tamotsu Yakabi*

#### **Thailand**

*Tadashi Oshiro*

#### **Tokyo**

*Tatsuya Shigeta*

OUR WARMEST ALOHA TO

WORLDWIDE UCHINANCHU

FROM THE FAMILIES

OF NISHIHARA

CHOJIN KAI



Gaza  
Yonagusuku  
Doshikai  
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## WUB Hawaii Chronology

- 1993** Hawaii Uchinanchu Business Study Tour taken to Okinawa.  
HUB (Hawaii Uchinanchu Business Group) established.
- 1994** HUB volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.
- 1995** 2nd Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival held in Okinawa.  
HUB set up Hawaii business exhibit section at Festival.  
HUB suggested at Economic Forum that worldwide Uchinanchu business network is possible.  
HUB volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.
- 1996** HUB visited South America to attend 90th Anniversary of Peru's Uchinanchu immigration to learn more about Uchinanchu worldwide.  
HUB volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.
- 1997** East-West Center supported network project. President Kenji Sumida appointed Bob Nakasone EWC Visiting Fellow.  
Mr. Nakayama, an alumnus of EWC and President of Ryukyus Bank, donated funds to EWC.  
HUB volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.
- 1st Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Conference held in Hawaii, with about 80 people from outside Hawaii attending.  
HUB became WUB (Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association).  
Following Chapters established; **Hawaii, Okinawa, Brazil, Argentina.**  
1st "Taste of Okinawa" held. Okinawa Chefs came to Hawaii.  
HUB volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.
- 1998** 2nd WUB Conference held in Brazil. Also 90th anniversary for Brazil and Argentina.  
2nd "Taste of Okinawa" held. Donation to HOC.  
WUB Hawaii volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.  
Following Chapters established: **Peru, North America.**
- 1999** 3rd WUB Conference held in Los Angeles/ Las Vegas.  
3rd "Taste of Okinawa" held. Chefs came to Hawaii. Donation to HUOA.  
WUB Hawaii volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.  
Following Chapters established: **Tokyo, Guam.**
- 2000** 4th WUB Conference held in Okinawa, just prior to G-8 Summit in Okinawa.  
4th "Taste of Okinawa" held. Donation to Centennial Committee.  
WUB Hawaii volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.  
WUB named as organization to promote business networking in Okinawa in 10-year business plan.  
Following Chapters established: **Kansai, Europe, Bolivia.**
- 2001** 5th WUB Conference held in Tokyo, just prior to 3rd Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in Okinawa.  
Proposed Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference in Hawaii.  
5th "Taste of Okinawa" held. WUB fund raiser.  
WUB Hawaii volunteered for HUOA Okinawan Festival clean up.  
Following Chapters established: **Canada, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong.**
- 2002** 6th WUB Conference held in Bolivia.  
6th "Taste of Okinawa" held.  
Following Chapters established: **Mexico, Maui, Taiwan.**
- 2003** 7th "Taste of Okinawa" held.  
7th WUB Conference held in Hawaii  
Following Chapter established: **Philippines.**

# Maui Kin Chojin Kai

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in Hawaii*



## *Tamagusuku Club – Hawaii*

Welcome members and associates of the Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association. We hope you enjoy your visit to Hawaii and return again and again.

Tamagusuku Club is one of 14 founder clubs of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) and is proud to support the HUOA in its co-sponsorship of the First Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference.

Aloha!

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# Okinawan *Kenjinkai* Worldwide

When Okinawans immigrated to foreign countries, they set up homeland-oriented clubs to assist in their adjustment to their new lands. These clubs used the names of the native localities in Okinawa from where the immigrants came and served as the basic units of the Okinawan community. The clubs facilitated mutual aid and enabled fellowship among families who felt a bond of common origin.

As the number of clubs grew, associations of clubs, or kenjinkai, formed to encourage unity among Okinawans in their new countries. On an international level, the associations served as liaisons to Okinawa and provided a voice for Okinawans on issues important to them. Adjacent are the Okinawa kenjinkai around the world:

## KENJINKAI OF THE WORLD

### JAPAN

- Aomori Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Akita Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Miyagi Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Niigata Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Shizuoka Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Ibaraki Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Chiba Okinawa Club
- Saitama Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Kawasaki Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Tsurumi Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Sagamihara Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Tokyo Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Itabashi-ku Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Nerima-ku Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Santama Okinawa Kenjinkai

### LATIN AMERICA

- Argentina
  - Centro Okinawense En La Argentina
- Bolivia
  - Asociacion Okinawense De Bolivia
  - Asociacion Boliviano Japonesa De Okinawa
- Brazil
  - Associacao Okinawa De Brasil
  - Associacio Okinawa De Campo Grande
- Cuba
  - Cuba Okinawa Kenjinkai
- Mexico
  - Asociacion Okinawense De Mexico
- Peru
  - Asociacion Okinawense Del Peru
- Venezuela
  - Asociacion Okinawense De Venezuela

### AUSTRALIA

- Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai

### AFRICA

- Zambia Okinawa Kenjinkai

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野村流音楽協会  
ハワイ支部

**Nomura Ryu Ongaku  
Kyokai – Hawaii Shibu**

President: Keith Nakaganeke  
Treasurer: Pat Koki  
Secretary: Norman Kaneshiro  
Advisors: Kitoku Asato &  
Harry Nakasone

**Nakasone Seifu Kai**

President: Tsuyoshi Gima  
Treasurer/  
Secretary: Pat Koki  
Vice Treasurer: Yoshiharu Tengan  
Advisors: Kitoku Asato &  
Harry Nakasone



Harry Seisho  
Nakasone – Kaishu



# Okinawan *Kenjinkai* Worldwide

## KENJINKAI OF THE WORLD

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hawaii  
Hawaii United Okinawa Association

California  
Okinawa Association of America, Inc.  
Northern California Okinawa Kenjinkai  
Okinawa Kenjinkai of San Diego  
Sacramento Okinawa Kenjinkai

Washington  
Okinawan Club of Washington State

Utah  
Utah Okinawa Kenjinkai

Alaska  
Alaska State Okinawan Kenjinkai

Colorado  
Colorado State Okinawa Kenjinkai

Texas  
El Paso Okinawa Kenjinkai  
DFW Okinawa Kenjinkai

Illinois  
Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai, Inc.

Indiana  
Okinawa Kenjinkai of Indiana

New Mexico  
New Mexico Okinawa Kenjinkai

Arizona  
Tucson Okinawa Kenjinkai

New York  
U.S. East Coast Okinawa Association  
Okinawa American Association of New York

Washington D.C.  
Okinawakai of Washington D.C.

Georgia  
Atlanta Okinawa Kenjin Kai  
Okinawa America Culture and Association

Florida  
Florida Okinawa Gyukai

North Carolina  
Fayetteville Okinawa Kenjinkai  
Jacksonville Okinawa Kenjinkai

Ohio  
Okinawa Tomonokai of Ohio

Maryland  
Maryland Okinawa Kenjin Kai

### CANADA

Vancouver  
Vancouver Okinawa-Ken Yuukai

Calgary  
Calgary Okinawan Kenjinkai

Lethbridge  
Lethbridge Okinawa Club

Toronto  
Toronto Kyuyo Kai

### ASIA

Guam  
Guam Okinawa Kenjinkai

Philippine  
Philippine Okinawa Society

Taiwan  
Taiwan Okinawa Kenjinkai

Hong Kong  
Hong Kong Okinawa Kenjinkai

Thailand  
Okinawan Association in Thailand

Malaysia  
Malaysia Okinawa Kai

Jakarta  
Jakarta Uchina-Kai

Singapore  
Okinawan Club Singapore

China  
Fukkensyo Okinawa Kenjinkai

### EUROPE

France  
France Okinawa Kenjinkai

United Kingdom  
Okinawa Kenjinkai of UK

Spain  
Asociacion Okinawense De Espania  
Asociacion Okinawense De Las Palmas

Sweden  
Sweden Uchinanchu Kai

Germany  
Deutschland Okinawa Kenjinkai

Switzerland  
Swiss Okinawa Kenjinkai

Ryusei Honryu Yanagi No Kai – Hawaii Shibu – Mitsuko Toguchi Kenkyusho

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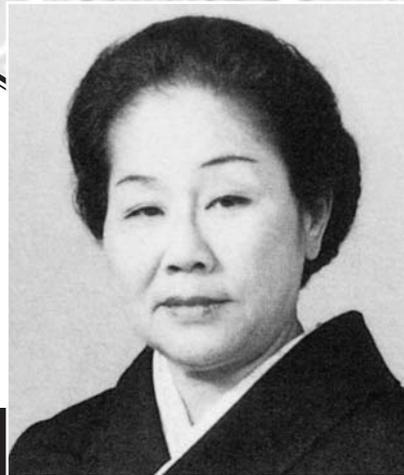
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**SECRETARY: AIKO NUNOKAWA**

**VICE TREASURER: NANCY AKAMICHI**



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FUMIKO NAKASONE – IEMOTO – OKINAWA



SHIZUKO ELLIS – KYOSHI



## Uchinanchu Outside of Okinawa



### Where are the Uchinanchu ?

COUNTRY	AREA sq km	GDP \$ million	POPULATION total	GDP/CAPITA \$ 1,000/capita	Japanese	JAPANESE % of total	Uchinanchu	UCHIANANCHU % of Japanese
Argentina	2,766,890	374,000	36,737,664	10	43,662	0.12%	30,600	70%
Bolivia	1,098,580	23,400	7,982,850	3	14,462	0.18%	8,700	60%
Brazil	8,511,965	1,035,200	171,853,126	6	1,168,000	0.68%	116,800	10%
Canada	9,976,140	688,300	31,006,347	22	65,383	0.21%	1,300	2%
Mexico	1,972,550	815,300	100,294,036	8	12,430	0.01%	600	5%
Peru	1,285,220	111,000	26,624,582	4	58,304	0.22%	37,900	65%
United States	9,629,091	8,511,000	272,639,608	31	879,329	0.32%	70,300	8%
[Hawaii]	16,637	[34,914]	[1,193,001]	29	[208,653]	20.23%	[45,000]	22%
Others					118,597		6,600	6%
Outside Japan					2,360,167		272,800	12%
Japan	377,835	2,903,000	126,182,077	23	126,182,077		1,522,389	1%
[Okinawa]	2,255	[25,819]	[1,222,398]	21	[1,222,398]		[1,222,398]*	
Total					128,542,244		1,795,189	1%

Source: Bank of the Ryukyus, Okinawa Prefectural Government, Hawaii Data Book, Internet

\* Assuming all in Okinawa are Uchinanchu

GDP is Gross Domestic Products

# The **HANEJI CLUB**



*Congratulations,  
Best Wishes and Aloha on your  
First Worldwide Uchinanchu  
Conference in Hawaii.*

*Haneji Club*

**Ginoza Son Jin Kai Members  
extend our heartfelt *ALOHA***



**to our  
International family**



## Rinken Band



## RINKEN BAND

The Rinken Band, known worldwide as one of the top contemporary bands from Japan, has made a strong impact on the Japan music scene. Their unique sound blends traditional Okinawan tunes with an accent of American rock.

Formed in 1977 by Rinken Teruya, the Rinken Band has produced 20 albums and has performed in the United States, England, France, China, India, Phillipines, South Africa, Kenya, Madagascar, Peru, Columbia, Brazil, Bolivia, as well as in Japan and Hawaii. The band has also produced sound tracks and theme songs for various national TV programs.

### Rinken Band members:

#### **Rinken Teruya, Sanshin, Cherin (Electric sanshin)**

Born in Okinawa City in 1949, Rinken is the band's leader, composer and producer. Important influences in Rinken's career include Rinsuke Teruya, his father a well known musician, and his grandfather, who performed classical Okinawan music. During his childhood years, Rinken listened to different music styles from all over the world in his father's record store. In 1967 he moved to Tokyo and made

a career as a band musician. After many years in Tokyo he came back to Okinawa to create his original musical style based on the music of his island home.

#### **Tomoko Uehara, Vocal, Taiko, Sanba, Sanshin**

Tomoko's singing career started at age six, as a member of a family band. She joined the Rinken Band in 1988, influencing the band's performances with her powerful, beautiful voice and her cheerful stage presence. Tomoko creates all of the band's colorful stage costumes.

#### **Yoshimi Kuwaye, Vocal, Eisa Taiko**

#### **Katsunori Enobi, Vocal, Eisa Taiko**

#### **Naoki Enobi, Vocal, Eisa Taiko**

#### **Akira Uehara, Bass Guitar**

#### **Kiyohito Yamakawa, Electric Keyboards**

#### **Naruhito Arasaki, Drums**



# Nago Club

**Congratulations and Best Wishes on your first  
Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference.**

**Welcome and Aloha everyone to Hawaii**

**Officers:**

**President: Laverne Higa Nance**

**Vice President: Harold Higa**

**Secretary: Joyce Higa Lee**

**Treasurer: Betty Higa**



# HUI ALU CLUB



**T**he Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-Heart of Kauai extends our heartfelt welcome to the participants of the First Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference. We are proud to share in the spirit and courage of those who left Okinawa to better the lives of all Uchinanchu. As a third

generation Okinawan in Hawaii, I understand the hardships the Issei and Nisei made to give future generations a better life. I carry with me the values and the vision shared by all Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-Heart worldwide.

Gary Ueunten

*President • Hui Alu, Inc.*



## Eisa Festival

Eisa is a traditional performing art found only in Okinawa. Performed during the summer months, is one of the observances to honor the ancestors. Young men and women dance and beat small drums (paranku), mid-sized drums (shime taiko), and large drums (o taiko). They are accompanied by tunes played on the sanshin (Okinawan shamisen).



# *Haisai gusuyo!*

*The officers and members of  
Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai  
extends it's congratulations  
to the organizers of the  
First World Uchinanchu  
Conference in Hawaii!*

*To the participants in  
this historic conference,*

*Aloha! Mensore!  
Welcome!  
to Hawaii*

**Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai**

*Celebrating it's 76th Aniversary*