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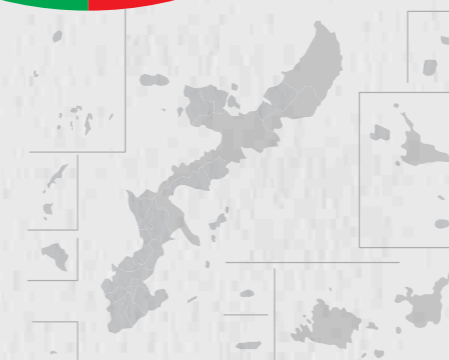
“Pigs From the Sea” Commemorative Monument (at the Uruma City Theater)

In 1948, the United Okinawan Assistance Association of Hawaii sent seven heroes of Okinawan descent on a journey across the ocean, risking their lives to deliver 550 pigs to Okinawa in order to save their Okinawan brethren, who were suffering from food shortages caused by the ravages of post-war life. This aid greatly contributed to the island’s postwar recovery, and played a large role in ensuring that the Okinawan tradition of consuming pork could be passed down to the present day.



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Haisai gusuyo chuuganabira! Hello, hola, ni hao, bonjour, guten tag, anyon haseyo, and aloha! A big konnichi wa to all Uchinanchu from around the world. It has been just over 115 years since our Uchinanchu ancestors first cast off from Okinawa, dreaming of finding prosperity in a new land. Today, there are an estimated 400,000 people of Okinawan descent residing overseas. They are actively involved in a wide range of political, economic, and cultural fields.

In order to widely showcase what our Uchinanchu brothers and sisters from all over the world have been up to, the Okinawa Prefectural Government has published “Kizuna – The Uchina Network.” This compilation introduces the activities of Okinawans living abroad. Within these pages, you will find an introduction to the recent initiatives undertaken by Okinawan kenjinkai and New Uchina Goodwill Ambassadors from all over the world, conveyed primarily through pictures.

Okinawa considers each and every Uchinanchu living all over the world to be an invaluable treasure. We wish for this publication to act as a bridge between all of you and the people of Okinawa, and we sincerely hope that it will lead to the sharing of information between Uchinanchu worldwide as we build up the next generation of the Uchinanchu network with its roots firmly planted in the Yuimaru spirit.

Although we were regretfully unable to publish every single submission we received, I wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to every kenjinkai and goodwill ambassador who contributed materials to this volume, and close by asking all of you for your further support and cooperation with Okinawa’s international exchange initiatives.

Ippei nifei debiru! Thank you, gracias, obrigado, xie xie, merci, danke, kamsa hamnida, mahalo! Arigatou gozaimashita.

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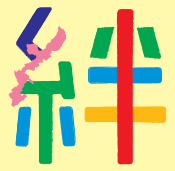
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Okinawan Kenjinkai, All Countries and Regions

Europe – 7 Organizations

North America – 54 Organizations

Africa - 1 Organization

Asia – 15 Organizations

Oceania – 3 Organizations

Central and South America –
11 Organizations

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