



2019 Uchina Junior Study Program



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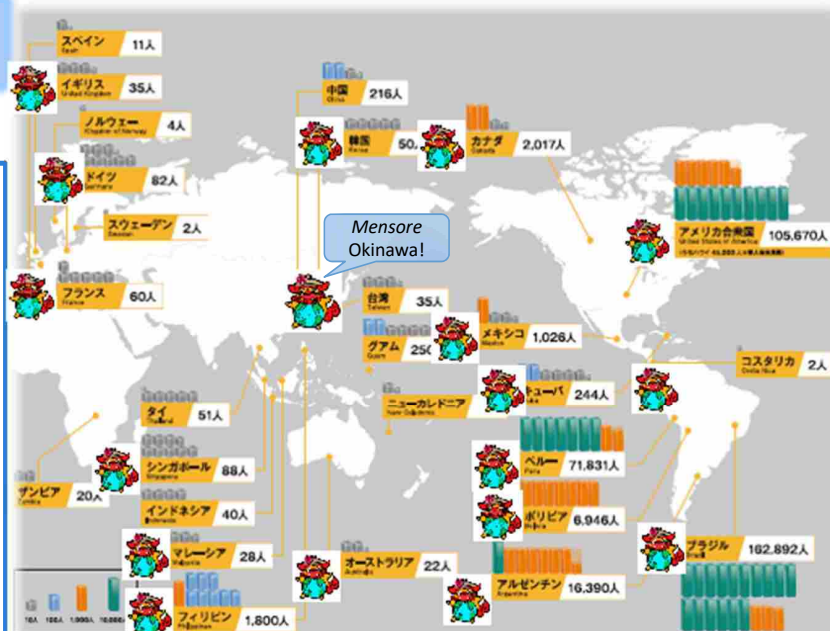
What is the Uchina Junior Study Program?



The Uchina Junior Study Program (formerly Junior Study Tour) invites students of Okinawan descent to Okinawa Prefecture to learn about the history and culture of Okinawa while spending time with young Okinawan people of the same age.

It first started as a pre-event for the "3rd World Uchinanchu Festival" held in 2001, and has been held every year since at the strong request of overseas kenjinkais.

Up to 2019, 375 youths from 17 different countries have joined and participated with 397 middle and high school students from Okinawa (and some from outside Okinawa). It is a program to nurture the next generation of youths to become bridges between Okinawa and the world.



375 Uchinanchu descendants from 17 countries have joined us!



Study Programs

- 1) Natural Studies→Learn the importance of Okinawa's natural environment
- 2) History Studies→Visit historic Okinawan landmarks to experience its history
- 3) Cultural Studies (traditional crafts, performing arts)→Learn and experience the crafts and arts from Okinawa culture and history
- 4) Peace Studies→Visit war sites and reflect on the meaning of peace
- 5) Social Studies→Experience daily life in Okinawa, and understand current events
- 6) Immigration Studies→Study the history of immigration in Okinawa and reflect on Uchinanchu identity ✖Local participants also have pre-program workshops!

By focusing on immigration, participants create bonds that surpass language and culture!



Date	Program	Details
Jul 28 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Orientation •Immigration studies① •Welcome party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Program explanation, introductions, kenjinkai presentations, etc. •Setting group goals, pre-workshop presentations (history of immigration in participating countries), etc. •Exchange program between participants (hosted by local participants)
July 29 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Welcome ceremony •History studies① •Traditional crafts experience •Social studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Welcome ceremony at prefectural government building •Shurijo Castle visit •Bingata dyeing experience •Naha walking tour
July 30 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Natural studies① 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Churaumi Aquarium backyard tour •Beach activity (Fukujigawa Seaside Park)
July 31 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Natural studies② •Exchange program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Higashi river trekking (Tsutsuji Ecopark) •BBQ, alumni-hosted exchange program
August 1 (Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Peace studies •History, cultural studies② 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Peace Memorial Museum tour •Himeyuri Peace Museum, peacebuilding workshop •Prefectural museum tour
August 2 (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Immigration studies② 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Goal achievement reflection, workshop: How to use the connections made •Special talk by Alberto Shiroma
August 3 (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Closing ceremony •Farewell party •Eisa performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1-minute speech, junior ambassador awarding ceremony •Performance as a token of thanks (hosts: overseas participants) •Eisa performance at Palette Kumoji Plaza

Day 1・7/28 (Sun)



↑ Exchange program ↓



↑ Immigration studies ↓



↑ Welcome party ↓



Day 2・7/29 (Mon)



↑ Welcome ceremony ↓



↑ Shurijo Castle ↓

↓ Walking Tour



↓ Traditional craft (bingata) experience



Day 3・7/30 (Tue)



↑ Aquarium visit ↓



↑ Backyard tour
Dolphin show ↓



↑ Beach activity ↓



Day 4・7/31 (Wed)



↑ River trekking ↓



↑ Midpoint reflection ↓



↑ Exchange program ↓



Day 5・8/1 (Thu)



↑ Peace Memorial Museum ↓



↑ Himeyuri Peace Museum ↓



↑ Prefectural museum ↓



Day 6・8/2 (Fri)



↑ Immigration studies ↓



↑ Immigration studies ↓



↑ Talk by Alberto Shiroma ↓



Day 7・8/3 (Sat)

Closing ceremony (1-minute speech) ↓



↑ Eisa performance ↓



Overseas Participants (15)



Atlanta
Reimi Robertson



Alabama
Megan Matthews



California
Stephanie Miyo
Ajifu

Protect the
warmth of
Uchinanchu
spirit, and
pass down
the culture



Washington DC
Vanessa Mei
Homman



Canda
Connor Lefave



Argentina
Mayumi Belen
Lamalfa



Argentina
Akari Miyazato

Create a
kenjinkai in
my
hometown
of Calafate!



Campo Grande
Shogo Yonamine



Brazil
Luana Tengan



Peru
Dan Tamayoshi
Miyasato



Peru
Kaede Miraros
Igue Guerra

It's important
for all
Okinawans to
have interest
in Okinawa



Bolivia
Sachiko Miyagi



Mexico
Masami Vargas



Australia
Kai Hawkins



New Caledonia
Emilie Thosei-
Miyasato

Local Participants (16)

Continue the connections with many Uchinanchus!



Kamihara Jr. High
Maaya Shiroma



Kyohara Jr. High
Mizuki Kimura



Okinawa
Shogaku Jr. High
Hinatsu Takara



Ohama Jr. High
Keita Miyazato



Koyo High
Hina Kinjo



Mawashi High
Ryuhi Masuda



Naha
International High
Miu Maeda



Naha
International High
Hikari Gushiken



Okinawa
Shogaku High
Narini Takara



Chatan High
Shutaro Higa



Chubu
Agricultural High
Hinata Kina

Cherish each other's culture and bonds!

Learn about Okinawa, and have the will to share it with the world!



Gushikawa
Commercial High
Hikaru Amase



Gushikawa High
Niina Nagayama



Gushikawa High
Otono Matsune



Showa Pharmaceutical
Uni Affiliate High
Kaho Takahashi



Showa Pharmaceutical
Uni Affiliate High
Konatsu Takahara

Overseas Youth Leader
Taichi Yamashiro
(Bolivia)



Connect the bonds between the Okinawas in Bolivia and Japan!

Joining the 2015 UJS widened my perspective. I want the next junior high and high school students to experience that, and contribute to the expansion of the Uchina Network.

Local Youth Leader
Maho Anno (Okinawa International University)

