Renewed Okinawa Prefectural Library

: New Location,
New Project to Collect Worldwide Uchinanchu Materials and Migration Corner
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TOPICS

1. New Okinawa Prefectural Library
   - History & Main Purpose
   - “Internationalized Library” & Migration Corner
   - Collect Worldwide Uchinanchu Materials

2. Genealogical Reference Service
   - Reference Service Booth During the 6th Sekai no Uchinanchu Taikai
   - Genealogy Network Project in Hawaii
     “Finding Family Roots And Missing Relatives”
Okinawa Prefectural Library (OPL)

■ Established in 1910

■ The First Director:

Fuyū Iha, known as

“Father of Okinawan Studies”

He said that

”Library is the heart of Okinawa”.

“沖縄学の父”伊波普猷
Okinawa Prefectural Library (OPL)

- Owning 800,000 copies, including more than 300,000 copies related to Okinawa

- Main Purpose of OPL
  OPL is like a national library, which collects and preserves all publications related to Okinawa, in order to hand them over future generations and develop Okinawan history and culture.
The new OPL will be scheduled to open in early 2019
Setting up “Migration Material Corner”, including Immigration history and records

Master Plan of New Library: "Internationalized Library" including immigration history and records

- Among the 300,000 holdings, about 10,000 items will be shelved in the “International Cultural Exchange Corner” on the 5th floor

Research & Exhibition

1. Permanent & Special Exhibition
   - Chronological timetable of Okinawan migration
   - Outline of migration in each country
   - Introduction of current foreign kenjin-kai activities

2. Books, Videos, and Testimonies
   - Migration anniversary books for each destination
   - Ken, Shi, Cho and Son historical books; Migration Edition

Reference Service

1. 1st Generation Immigrant Genealogical Reference Service
(See reverse side)
BOOK DONATION TO
“Mother Prefectural Library”

Okinawa Prefectural Library is seeking donations of books, photos, magazines, and DVDs as a key facility gathering and preserving paper and electronic materials related to Okinawa and worldwide Uchinanchu groups for future generations.

- Okinawa kenjinkai and clubs publications (monthly, annual, and anniversaries)
- Biographies of first and second generation immigrants
- Family history books,
- Miscellaneous materials related to Okinawa and the former Ryukyus printed before 1945
Genealogical Reference Service
1st Generation Immigration
Genealogical Reference Service by OPL
The Reference Service Booth
During the 6th Sekai Uchinanchu Taikai

1. **Period**: Oct. 27th-30th, 2016
2. **Location**: Naha Cellular Park
3. **Contents of Service**:
   - 1st generation immigration records
   - the name in kanji, birthplace,
   - travel date, his/her biography
   - photos and so on
4. **Results**:
   - 273 cases were researched
     - 143 involved with Hawaii
     - 39 involved with Peru
     - 33 involved with Brazil
     - 24 involved with Argentina
     - 13 the USA
     - 12 Canada and more
Family Roots Research Case of Mr. David Arakawa
President (2007), Hawai‘i United Okinawa Association (HUOA)

1st Generation Immigrant (grandfather from dad’s side)
Name: Mr. Zenpan Arakawa (新川 善繁)
Address: Onaha (小那覇), Nishihara (西原町)

We can find out information about him from:
- Nishihara town office records,
- Okinawa prefecture office records,
- Okinawan in Hawaii published in 1919,
- Photo book of Okinawan in Hawaii published in 1951,
- Residential maps, etc.
His family photo and biography

His immigration records

Photo of Zenpan with community and business leaders who sent goats to Okinawa as a food source to provide relief from poverty conditions after the war

His residential location

Before immigration

Present address
Now Available This Service Through OPL Website

2. Select the banner of “1st Generation Immigrant Genealogical Reference Service”.

http://www.library.pref.okinawa.jp/
NOTE: OPL do not guarantee being able to find out any information on the 1st generation relatives. It does not have info on relatives and their offspring (ie: 2nd generation, 3rd and 4th).
Genealogy Network Project in Hawaii
“Finding Family Roots And Missing Relatives”

Joint Project

Okinawa Genealogical Society of Hawaii

Okinawa Prefectural Library

SEP 2&3, At Cultural Tent

Okinawan Festival
Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha
September 2 & 3, 2017
Kapiolani Park
Waikiki, Hawaii
Genealogy Network Project in Hawaii

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Hawaii → Okinawa Case

1st generation immigrant: Gimei Miyashiro “宮城 義明”
From Nakama, Urasoe.
Gimei’s father: Giyu Miyashiro “宮城 義由”
Giyu’s other descendants are

Ryan Miyashiro’s Family
(4th generation)
Living in Hawaii,
Young OGSH member

Hiroko-san and Sumiko-san,
Daughters of Gimei’s sister,
and their family
Genealogy Network Project in Hawaii
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Ryan Miyashiro’s Family
(4th generation)

1st generation immigrant: Gimei Miyashiro
宮城義明

Gimei’s father: Giyu Miyashiro
宮城義由

Giyu’s descendants are Hiroko Mekaru’s Family
Final Goal

Having Mutual Network With Each Kenjin-kai Society

1. Books Donation for New OPL’s Migration Corner
2. Genealogy Network Project
Thank you for listening
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