

2019 Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program Report [Midterm Report]



Locations: Okinawa Kenjinkai of U.K. (Sep 20 – Oct 1)
Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai (Nov 3 – Nov 12)



What is the Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program?

Program Overview



The program aims to support overseas kenjinkais who will be holding events related to World Uchinanchu Day through dispatching instructors from the diverse and beautiful world of Okinawan performing arts. Through this support, Okinawa Prefecture hopes to better promote Okinawa's appeal as well as perpetuate, develop, and strengthen the relationships between Okinawa and overseas kenjinkais.



2019 Overseas Kenjinkai and Event Details ①



1) Okinawa Kenjinkai of UK

- Event Title:
JAPAN MATSURI
- Date: Sunday, Sep. 29 2019 10:00-20:00
- Location: Trafalgar Square, London, England
- Instruction Content: Eisa
- Instructors: Sonda Seinenkai (MIYAZATO Yoichi, TAKUSHI Koichiro, KINJO Misa)
- Coordinator: HIRATA Daiichi
- Dispatch Period: Sep. 22 (Sun) – Oct. 1 (Tue), 2019

Instruction @ Okinawa Kenjinkai of UK



Learning eisa basics from Takushi-San



Everyone very interested in the fluid movements of the women's dance



Miyazato-San taught dances in addition to sanshin and singing



Practicing formations before the performance

Workshop Highlights @ Japanese Preschools



Musical instrument experience at London Bunka-yochien



Okinawan music experience at Tulip Japanese School



Students entranced by Sonda Seinenkai's eisa performance



Acting as ambassadors for Okinawan culture

JAPAN MATSURI (Sep. 29 2019)



On stage with kenjinkai members



Rounding out the finale with kachashii!



Eisa performance by preschoolers who took Hirata-San's workshop



Post-performance members

2019 Overseas Kenjinkai and Event Details ②



2) Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai

- Event Title: OKINAWA SOUL FESTIVAL KUKURUSAI
- Date: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 15:00 – 17:30
- Location: Sydney, Australia
- Instruction Content: Eisa, shishi (lion) dance, sanshin, Ryukyuan dance
- Instructors:
 - SHINZATO Haruka (Miyagi-Honryu Ootori no Kai)
 - KOHAGURA Masanobu (Ryusei Taiko)
- Coordinator: HIRATA Daiichi
- Dispatch Period: Nov. 3 (Sun) – Nov 12 (Tue), 2019

Instruction @ Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai



Eisa instruction by Kohagura-San



Learning shishi dance choreographed by Shinzato-San



Advice from Hirata-San on staging



Concentration by both instructors and performers

OKINAWA SOUL FESTIVAL~KUKURUSAI~ (Nov. 10)



“Nada Sousou” performed by sanshin and the Sakura Choir group



On-stage with Hirata-San for “Dynamic Ryukyu”

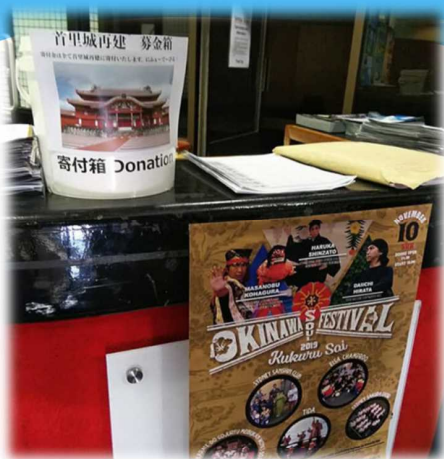


Members performing along with the instructor's lion dance



The eisa performance wows the crowd!

Donation by Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai for Shurijo Castle Fire Restoration Efforts



Shocked by the Shurijo Castle fire, the Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai set up a donation box at the KUKURUSAI venue, and donated the proceeds to Okinawa Prefecture. Thank you very much for your support.



Kumiko Ho, vice president of the Sydney Okinawa Kenjinkai, presented Director Ida of the International Exchange Division the donations for Okinawa.