



2018 Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program Report [Midterm Report]

Locations: Okinawa Tomono Kai of Ohio (Oct. 20 – Oct. 29)
Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai (Oct. 25 – Nov. 5)



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.



2018 Overseas Kenjinkai and Event Details ①



1) Okinawa Tomono Kai of Ohio

- Event title:

WORLD UCHINANCHU DAY in Ohio USA

※First time organizing a World Uchinanchu Day event

- Date: Saturday, Oct. 27 2018 13:00-15:00

- Location: Columbus, Ohio USA

- Teaching Content: Eisa

- Instructors: Kohei Sunagawa, Yu Hanashiro, Renta Irei
(Moromizato Seinenkai)

- Coordinator: Daiichi Hirata

- Dispatch Period: Oct. 20 (Sat) – 29 (Mon), 2018

Instruction @ Okinawa Tomono Kai of Ohio



Eisa instruction by Moromizato Seinenkai



Eager students, many of them women



“Mirukumunari” instruction by Hirata-San



Kimono instruction by Seinenkai members

Workshop Highlights @ Ohio



Performing for 300 at a local high school



Moromizato's traditional eisa in Ohio



Some students responded back to "Haiiya!"



Ambassadors of Okinawan culture

WORLD UCHINANCHU DAY in Ohio USA (10/27/2018)



On stage with kenjinkai members



After some practice, eisa kids show their skill



Rounding out the finale with Kachashii!



Moromizato Seinenkai and eisa members

2018 Overseas Kenjinkai and Event Details ②



2) Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai

- World Uchinanchu Day in CHICAGO ～結伝(YUIDEN)～
- Date: Saturday, November 3 2018 18:00-19:30
- Location: Chicago, Illinois USA
- Teaching content: Eisa (contemporary eisa, shishimai lion dancing, etc.)
- Instructor: Yasuhide Uezu (Ryuujin Densetsu)
- Coordinator: Daiichi Hirata
- Dispatch period: Oct. 25 (Thu) – Nov. 5 (Sun), 2018

Instruction @ Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai



Trying out new eisa choreography!



Passionate instruction continues into rehearsal



“Mirukumunari” instruction by Hirata-San



Kids trying out “Mirukumunari”

Next-Generation Workshop @ Chicago



150 people joined, from kids to adults



Listening to Hirata-San speak



Collaboration with Uezu-san and Hirata-san



Kids taking in the instructors' performance

World Uchinanchu Day in CHICAGO ～結伝(YUIDEN)～ (11/3/2018)



With Hirata-San in “Dynamic Ryukyu”



Showing off the fruits of their labor



Chondara (Uezu-San) and shihimai stage



For the finale: Kachashii!