

# Uchinā Network Concierge

The word "Uchina" unites Okinawans  
from across the world.



## About UNC

The "Uchina Network" is a community of Okinawans, their descendants across the diaspora (both in mainland Japan and overseas), and others connected to the Okinawan community.

Since its establishment in April 2021, UNC, through their "Uchina Network," has worked to connect people across the world and preserve Okinawan culture. UNC values connections that transcend regional boundaries, maintaining community ties linking the past to the future.

**Download the multilingual leaflet here.**



English



Español



Português

# Role of UNC

## About Uchinā Network Concierge

We engage in various activities to foster international exchange, preserve Okinawan culture, and pass the Uchina Network onto the next generation.

### 1 Consultation Desk

If you have any concerns such as "I would like to announce an event related to the Uchina Network" or "I want to join a Kenjinkai," feel free to reach out to us.

We provide support in multiple languages (Japanese, English, Spanish, Portuguese).



#### Examples of Consultation Successes

The Okinawa Kenjinkai in Canada requested an event for preschoolers and elementary school children. In response, we collaborated with an Uchinanchu from Peru to host a workshop where participants made Shiisaa figures using origami.



March 2024, Online event.



June 2023, Renewal of Memorial Day exhibition at the Japan-Peru Cultural Center

- We received a consultation from the Okinawa Kenjinkai in Peru and provided support, including information sharing and event assistance related to Irei no Hi (Okinawa Memorial Day).

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## Information Distribution

We share information about Uchina Network-related events and international exchange taking place around the world. Please feel free to join us.



join us!

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## Talent Discovery and Development

Would you like to learn about "Uchinanchu around the world" and become part of the team sharing their stories?

We offer training sessions focused on workshops and project planning for those interested in the history of Okinawan immigrants and Okinawan culture.

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## Collection of Immigration Data

We are collecting materials related to Okinawan immigration, such as letters, photos, and passports. If you have any, please feel free to contact us.



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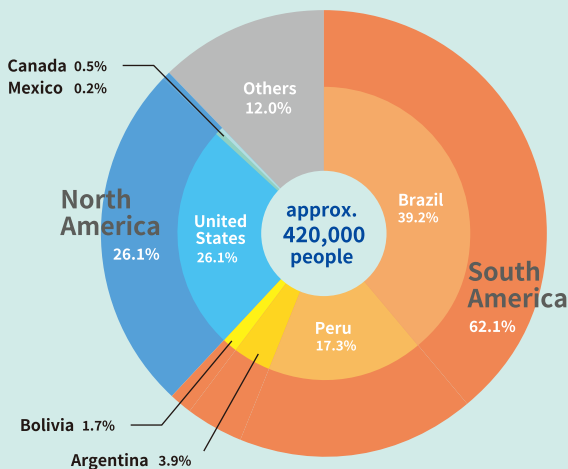
## Exchange Program

We are planning events to connect Okinawa and the Uchina Network around the world, both online and in person. Would you like to have a chat (yuntaku) with Uchinanchu from around the world?

If you're interested in the event, please check out the WUN's SNS or website!



## Population Chart



There are approximately 420,000 Uchinanchu around the world! As of 2024, an estimated 420,000 Uchinanchu (Okinawan descendants) live overseas. By maintaining strong connections between Uchinanchu communities in various countries and those living in Okinawa, rich cultural exchanges are fostered with countries around the globe.

**If you have something you want to do to connect Okinawans, or have something you are struggling with, UNC would be glad to support you. Start by reaching out to us!**

**Consultation:**

We are organizing an event hosted by the Kenjinkai and would like to request an announcement on the WUN (Worldwide Uchina Network) website and social media.

**UNC's Response:**

The event has been announced on WUN's SNS, website, and newsletter.



**User Feedback:**

Someone interested in Okinawa saw the event on WUN's SNS and joined, allowing us to connect!

**Consultation:**

I live in the United States and would like to participate in Okinawan communities. Could you please introduce me to any such communities?

**UNC's Response:**

We contacted the Kenjinkai in the area where the inquirer resides and provided them with the contact details of the association.



**User Feedback:**

Thanks to UNC, I was able to join the Kenjinkai they introduced me to. I'm happy to be able to interact with Uchinanchu and participate in events that allow me to feel connected to Okinawa, even while living in the United States!

**Contact us here!**

TEL : 070-3801-8670

MAIL : info1@wun.jp

Reception Hours : 10:00-18:00

Access various information updates here.



Instagram



Facebook



Web

Content is also being streamed on YouTube:



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### Newsletter Registration

The newsletter will be delivered to the email address you register.

## Uchinā Network Concierge

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### Address

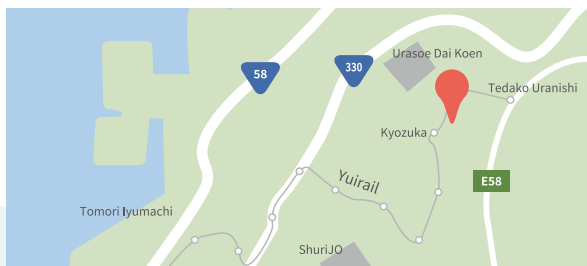
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### Opening Hours

Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Closed on: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, Memorial Day, and New Year holidays (12/29 - 1/3)



<https://wun.jp/>

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