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| 2021 Uchinā Junior Study Program Overseas Participants Application Guidelines |
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1 Program Objective

Youth of Okinawan descent from around the world will learn about Okinawan history, culture, and nature while experiencing daily life with local Okinawan youths of the same age group. They will build strong bonds, deepen their understanding of their Okinawan roots, the local Okinawan students will broaden their international outlooks, and grow the generation that will shoulder the Uchinā Network.

As for the Uchinā Junior Study Program in FY 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 and the travel restrictions for overseas participants from July to August 2021 are unclear, overseas participants and overseas youth leaders will participate in an online program.

2. Contents of Operation

(1) Operation Period

Due to the impact of COVID-19, participants from overseas will not physically visit Okinawa, but will participate in an online program.

Program dates (Japan (Okinawa) time, tentative schedule):

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| Part 1 | 6/27/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 2 | 7/11/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 3 | 7/25/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 4 | 8/ 8/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 5 | 8/15/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 6 | 8/29/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |
| Part 7 | 9/12/2021 (Sun) | 9:00~11:00 |

Note: The local time in each country corresponding to Japan Standard Time (9:00 to 11:00) is as follows.

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| 1. New Caledonia, | 6/27/2021 (Sun) | 11:00 – 13:00 |
| 2. Hawaii | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | 14:00 – 16:00 |
| 3. San Francisco | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | 16:00 – 18:00 |
| 4. New York | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | 19:00 – 21:00 |
| Peru | | |
| 5. Campo Grande | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | 20:00 – 22:00 |
| Bolivia | | |
| 6. Sao Paulo | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | 21:00 – 23:00 |

Buenos Aires

7. France 6/27/2021 (Sun) 1:00 – 3:00

(2) Study Program

1. Nature Study

Learn about the importance of the natural environment of Okinawa, its flora, and fauna.

2. History Study

Learn about historic Okinawan landmarks, experience history and the romance of the Ryukyu Dynasty.

3. Culture Study (Traditional Crafts, Performing Arts Activities)

Hands-on experience to learn the culture of the traditional crafts and performing arts from Okinawan history.

4. Peace Study

While learning about the history of the war, think about peace.

5. Social Studies

Learn about daily life and the current social situation in Okinawa.

6. Emigration Study

Learn about history of emigration of Okinawa, Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival, and World Uchinanchu Day, reconfirm their Uchinanchu identity.

(3) Other

① Present the immigration history of your family, region or Kenjinkai where you live in the program.

② Participate in social network services (SNS) and interact with other participants.

③ Submit questionnaires and study reports during the program period and written impressions need to be submitted after the program.

3. Number of Recruits:

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| Overseas Participants | 15 people |
| Overseas Youth Leaders | 1 person |
| Local Okinawan Participants | 15 people |
| Non-Okinawan Participants | 1 person |
| Local Youth Leader | 1 person |
| | 33 people total |

4. Recruitment Requirements

(1) Target

- ① Okinawan ancestry
- ② Have not participated in the following Okinawa Prefecture-sponsored program in the past.
 - * Junior Study Tour (2001–2011)
 - * Uchinā Junior Study (2012–2019)
- ③ Be a middle/high school student between the ages of 13 to 19 as of April 2 2021.

(2) Qualifications

- ① Be in good health.
- ② Recommended by president of kenjinkai as someone who can shoulder the Uchinā Network.
- ③ Make use of social media before/during/after program and actively exchange
with participants from each country.
- ④ Individual who have a personal computer or smartphone at home and can secure a stable internet connection to participate in the program using a video conference application.

(3) Language Proficiency

Those with some level of Japanese proficiency in order to be able to facilitate active exchange with local Okinawan participants.

(4) Costs covered by Okinawa Prefecture

Purchasing and mailing costs for gifts, etc. from participants home country to Okinawa.

5. Necessary Documents for Recruitment

(1) Required Documents

- ① Recommendation (Form 1)
- ② Participant Application Form (Form 2-1, 2-2)
- ③ Essay (Form 3, up to 2 sheets of A4 or Letter size paper)
Topic: "Identity as an Uchinānchu"

※ 1 form for each applicant.

※ Form 1 to be filled out in Japanese; each Kenjinkai will attach Japanese translations of forms 2 and 3

(2) Application Deadline

April 14, 2021 (Wed) strictly enforced

(3) Address:

International Exchange Division
Department of Culture, Tourism, and Sports
Okinawa Prefectural Office
Attn: Tatsuki Oda
1-2-2 Izumizaki, Naha, Okinawa JAPAN 900-8570
Tel: +81-98-866-2479
Email: odatatsu@pref.okinawa.lg.jp

※When sending through email, forms to be sent in Microsoft Word, Excel, or PDF format.

※Sending application through email is recommended.

6. Upcoming schedule (tentative)

- (1) Application deadline: Wednesday, April 14, 2021
- (2) Notification of Selection Results: Late April 2021
- (3) Submission of preliminary tasks for participation
【Successful candidates only】 Early June 2021

7 Other Important Points

- (1) This application is a referral for participant applicants, not all that apply will be accepted.
- (2) Okinawa Prefecture will notify accepted applicants after reviewing their Applications.
- (3) From the time of application to the submission of the report after the program, the Kenjinkai will take responsibility and guide the participant. Also, the Kenjinkai will attach Japanese translations of the applicant's materials.
- (4) Because the date and time of the program presently scheduled are tentative, they are subject to change.
- (5) Individual's information collected from this application will be used for contact, guidance, reference, and other initiatives relating to the Uchinā Junior Study Program. In addition, in order to have a smooth program, the information may be shared with contractors, other participants, and those involved with the program. After participating in the Uchinā Junior Study Program, a survey about the program as well as information about prefecture-sponsored international exchange events will be sent to the participant and guardians. The information gathered will be used appropriately within the scope of the objectives.
- (6) Okinawa Prefecture will make use of publicity mediums such as social media,

pamphlets, etc. for program announcements. In order to make the contents easily understandable for the people of Okinawa and related organizations, participants' pictures and videos may be published.

- (7) This recruitment procedure is a preparatory procedure before the start of the next fiscal year on the assumption that the budget for the next fiscal year will be approved. It will take effect after the budget is approved. In the event that the initial budget is rejected by the prefectural assembly, the project may not be able to be carried out as planned.