



Ukwanshin Kabudan Ryukyu Performing Arts Group

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li Sōgwachi Deebiru [Happy New Year!]

Ukwanshin Kabudan is actively planning many community events and activities for folks to experience the traditions and practices of our cherished ancestors. Please save these dates and mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Please scroll all the waaaaay down to learn more about these events and how you can participate in them.

SUNDAY, Jan. 12 -
10 am - 4 pm

LOOCHOO STUDIES

Topic: *Uta Ashibi tu Munugatai*; Music and Talk Story
UH Hilo, Ka Haka `Ula o Ke`elikōlani, Hale `Ōlelo
in-person only; no online session available
(see attached flyer)

MONDAY, Jan 13 -
7:00pm

SHIMAKUTUBA - Uchinaaguchi Study Session
online: <https://bit.ly/2XkyQHqshimakutuba>
(see attached flyer)

SATURDAY, Feb. 1
6:00pm

SŌGWACHI UYUYĒ (Lunar New Year Celebration)

Jikoen Hongwanji Social Hall
Entertainment by visiting High School Performing Arts students from Okinawa. Enjoy the musical and dance talents of these energetic young students.
Seat reservations and bento dinner orders accepted at:
<https://forms.gle/Gwx5ib8FAtUaHVN38>
(see attached flyer)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
5pm - 9pm

LOOCHOO IDENTITY SUMMIT

Windward Community College, Kāne`ohe, O`ahu
Hale `Akoakoa

SAT., MARCH 22
7:30 am - 5:00pm

Now in it's 11th year, the Loochoo Identity Summit (LIS) has drawn interest from folks around the globe. Please see attached flyer for more information..

SUN., MARCH 23
8am- 4:00pm



Loochoo (Okinawa) Studies

Free Cultural Workshop and hands on classes at UH Hilo, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, Hale 'Ōlelo

Schedule

Join us this Sunday, 10am-3:30pm.

10am: Presentation : Uta Ashibi tu Munugatai; Music and Talk Story

12pm Lunch: Pot luck; Bring something to share

1:15pm 1st rotation: Beginning sanshin / Okinawan Dance/ Language

2:30pm Second rotation

4:00pm End

Join us this coming Sunday as we look forward to the Lunar (Okinawa) New Year to welcome in the Year of the Snake. Enjoy Okinawan music and talk story about connections of our songs and identity as Shimanchu.

- Workshops are held every 2nd Sunday of the month. Imensōrē!!!

Contact; uchinanchu78@hotmail.com



Presented by Ukwanshin Kabudan, a 501c3 organization

Join us for our monthly Shimakutuba study session!

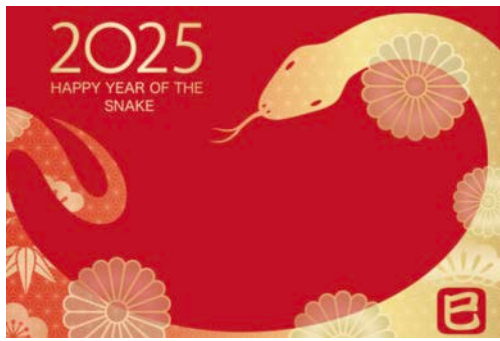
7 pm via Zoom

*Nmarijima nu
kutuba washiinee,
kunin washiyun*

To forget the language
of your homeland is to
forget the homeland itself



online: <https://bit.ly/2XkyQHqshimakutuba>



SŌGWACHI UYUYĒ

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Jikoen Hongwanji Hall - 6:00pm

Please join us at our annual New Year's celebration to welcome the year of the Snake with traditional Okinawan dances, music, and song. The lunar new year is one of our traditional observances passed down from our ancestors and reaffirms our ancestral roots. This year, we are pleased to announce that our special guests will be Okinawa High School Geino (Performing Arts) Students. Each year a new group of students are selected to participate in this goodwill tour to Hawai'i. These multi-talented youngsters entertained us with their joyful enthusiasm and expressed love of their craft.

A dinner bento will be available for purchase. (See sample photos below) You may also get lucky and win a door prize.

We encourage you to reserve your tickets early since seating is limited. You may order your tickets and bento online or by mail.

Online reservation: <https://forms.gle/AeZetSddFcStJc8AA>

Mail-in reservation: see below



These musical students held live performances at Lanakila Senior Center, East-West Center and Ala Moana Center Court in 2024. A new group of students arriving in January 2025 will be performing at the same venues and will be the special guests performers to entertain at our New Year's celebration on February 1. Don't miss it!

SŌGWACHI UYUYĒ

A New Year's Celebration

Saturday, February 1, 2025- Jikoen Hongwanji Social Hall

Doors open at 5:30

Registration for admission and dinner to *Sogwachi Uyuyē*

Name (please print) _____

Email _____

Contact phone numbers _____

Home Address (street, city, zip) _____

Bento choices includes 1 bottle of water. Hot tea will also be available. Kid's bento by special request only.

See photos on next page

Bento #1: Miso butterfish bento with multigrain rice and assorted side dishes.

Bento #2: Grilled Salmon Bento with Multigrain rice and assorted side dishes.

Bento #3; Beef Kalbi & BBQ chicken with white rice and assorted side dishes.

Bento #4: Vegetarian bowl (tofu/eggplant) with konbu musubi

I would like to place an order for the following:

Bento #1 _____ amount of orders x \$25 = \$ _____

Bento #2 _____ amount of orders x \$25 = \$ _____

Bento #3 _____ amount of orders x \$25 = \$ _____

Bento #4 _____ amount of orders x \$25 = \$ _____

total = \$ _____

[] My child(ren) are between the ages 5-10. I'd like to request the Kid's bento. Please contact me for the meal selection

Please send this completed form with a personal check payable to:

Ukwanshin Kabudan
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Mililani, HI 96789



Bento #1: Miso butterfish bento with multigrain rice



Bento #2: Grilled Salmon Bento with Multigrain rice



Bento #3; Beef Kalbi & BBQ chicken with white rice



Bento #4
Vegetarian bowl (tofu/eggplant) with konbu musubi

LOOCHOO IDENTITY SUMMIT

MARCH 21, 22, 23, 2025

Windward Community College
Kane`ohē, Hawaii

Ukwanshin Kabudan is pleased to announce that our upcoming 11th annual **Loochoo Identity Summit** will be held on March 21, 22, and 23 returning to Windward Community College in idyllic Kaneohe.

Join us for this once-a-year interesting, thought-provoking, convergence of stimulating discussions, shared ideas and even music appreciation.

The planning committee continues to work earnestly to develop a meaningful experience for all attendees. Details of the Summit (program, schedule, registration, meals, etc.) will be forthcoming and will be shared in future emails. Please stayed tuned.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

We are especially delighted to offer financial assistance for qualified students to attend this year's Summit. Thanks to our many generous supporters who feel the importance for succeeding generations to connect to and appreciate their precious heritage, students may apply to receive fee waivers and/or reimbursed travel expenses. **Requests for student travel assistance is now being accepted.**

Please follow these steps to submit your request:

1. Carefully read all 3 pages of the attached [Procedures & Guidelines for Student Travel Assistance \(rev.2025\)](#)
2. Complete the Request for Student Travel Assistance.
Link: <https://forms.gle/tQccuy2PT5nrMp4M6>
3. Complete the LIS online registration when it becomes available.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

REV. 2025

Ukwanshin Kabudan is committed to supporting students who wish to attend our **Loochoo Identity Summit (LIS)**, but find the travel costs restrictive. We have allocated a fund to provide financial assistance to students traveling to O'ahu for the LIS. The funds are limited, so it will be made available to qualifying students in the order their requests are received with full required documentation.

Please read the following guidelines to see if you qualify for travel assistance. However, please bear in mind that funding is limited so please request funding only if travel expenses are a real impediment to your participation in the LIS.

1. Funding is intended to defray travel and lodging costs for full-time students who are considered legal adults in the State of Hawai'i; therefore:

A. All applicants must be full-time students in an accredited educational institution including vocational training programs or community-based indigenous educational programs.

B. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of travel.

C. Applicants must reside outside the island of O'ahu.

D. Each applicant must provide official documentation of full-time enrollment in an educational program.

i. Documentation must include confirmation of "full-time" status as defined by the institution. ii.

a. For institutions that do not have a traditional credit-hour system, the LIS organizers will make the determination for qualification. Documentation includes:

a. Registration confirmation for current or immediately upcoming education term (screen shots must include URL of educational institution).

b. Signed letter of enrollment confirmation from the educational institution, including the term of enrollment.

c. Students in community-based indigenous educational programs should provide a description of the program and the leaders/mentors.

2. Funds will be released as a reimbursement for travel and lodging expenses after the conclusion of the LIS.

A. Qualifying expenses are limited to travel to the island of O‘ahu, lodging costs during the LIS (Friday thru Monday by 11:00 a.m. HST), and ground transportation to and from the airport and the LIS site.

B. Applicants must provide written quotes or proof of purchase for travel and lodging arrangements from reputable service providers at the time of funding request.

C. We cannot release funds to pay friends or relatives who provide transportation or lodging unless they provide those services as a business and can provide a quote or invoice.

D. We can only offer reimbursements for monetary payments; in other words, we cannot issue reimbursements for non-cash equivalents such as discount or mileage points.

E. We cannot guarantee coverage of all expenses, however, we will try our best to provide as much assistance as possible within the limitations of our budget.

F. Qualified students must provide receipts for all reimbursable expenses by 5:00 p.m. Hawai‘i Standard Time on the Monday after the LIS. Failure to meet the deadline could result in forfeiture of funds.

G. All payments will be calculated and issued in U.S. dollars.

i. Students who make payments in foreign currency for airfare must attach a copy of the U.S. dollar conversion rate on the date of purchase (screenshots are acceptable).

ii. All international students will be responsible for exchanging the dollar payments to their own domestic currency.

3. Students must be registered and committed to attending all scheduled activities of the LIS.

A. Funding requests will be denied to students who cannot commit to all scheduled, non-optional activities of the LIS.

B. Students who qualify for assistance must notify the LIS organizers immediately if they will miss any portions of the LIS due to emergencies or other circumstances beyond their control.

C. The LIS organizers hold the sole authority to revoke or withhold funding to qualified students for excessive absences or tardiness to scheduled events or for disruptive behavior that leads to expulsion from the facilities.

If you are qualified for and require student travel assistance, please:

1. Register for the LIS as a student when registration opens.
2. Send a single email to events@ukwanshinkabudan.org that include the following:
 - A. "Request for LIS Student Travel Assistance" in the subject line
 - B. Your full name and address as it appears on your registration
 - C. The name of the educational institution you are enrolled in
 - D. Attached documentation verifying your full-time enrollment (see section 1D above)
 - E. An itemized budget of estimated travel and lodging expenses with the total
 - F. Attached documentation of published rates and/or estimates to support the budgeted items (if you have booked any flights or lodging, please provide the receipt)

Requests will be accepted until February 10, 2025. We will contact you thereafter to let you know if you qualify and the maximum amount of assistance we can provide you. If you have any questions, please send us an email at events@ukwanshinkabudan.org. Thank you.