

## **RYUDAI PROFESSORS REPORT ON TAIKAI SURVEY RESEARCH**

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If you were among the 1,200 Hawai'i residents attending the Worldwide Uchinaanchu Taikai in October of 2006, you probably recall being asked to fill out a survey about your experiences of the Taikai by university students at Naha International Airport on the day of your return flight. The research was being conducted by a team of researchers at the University of the Ryukyus who were interested in what motivated Uchinaanchu around the world to travel thousands of miles to visit Uchinaa, and what kinds of experiences they had at the Taikai and while visiting Okinawa.

The survey results have been tallied, analyzed, and will be shared with Uchinaanchu communities in Hawai'i and Los Angeles. The research team, Dr. Hiroyuki Kinjo (Hispanic Studies), Dr. Naomi Noiri (Sociology), and Dr. Kentarō Kuwatsuka (Geography and Anthropology) will be presenting their research results in Honolulu on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at **East-West Center's Burns Hall 3015**. They invite all those interested in the Taikai to attend and participate in the discussion. The schedule of presentations is as follows:

“Introduction to the research project”

“Global Network and Identity” (Professor Kinjo)

“Roots” (Professor Kuwatsuka)

“Gender and Hawai'i” (Professor Noiri)

“Response from HUOA President” (Mr. Jon Itomura)

“Response from UH representative”

“Questions & Answers”

Light Refreshments will follow the discussion. For more information, contact Prof. Joyce Chinen at 454-4720 or <[chinen@hawaii.edu](mailto:chinen@hawaii.edu)>