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A Brief History and Culture of Okinawa

Discussion Session

Panel: Aspects of History

Through showing about 100 related slides on Okinawa, the viewers will get informed of historical and cultural backgrounds of Okinawa so that they can better relate themselves with the local Okinawan people during their tour in Okinawa. The lecture will include the origins of the islands and of the island people, their brief history and culture, in which Okinawan karate, music, dance, religion, proverbs, etc. will be introduced. Since Okinawa has been long known for its longevity, the healthy diet of the centenarians and their life style will be included in the presentation. Over 6,000,000 tourists visited Okinawa last year. Past, present, and future of Okinawan tourism industry will be presented. The presentation is going to be made from global and local perspectives.