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**Okinawa? Changing Times??**

*Plenary Session*

Panel Overview

In the 1956 comedy movie about the American Marines in Okinawa "Tea House of the August Moon," Marlon Brando acting as the translator "Sakini" started the movie with the following opening dialogue:

"History of Okinawa reveal distinguish record of conquerors. We have honor to be subjugated in 14th century by Chinese pirates, in 16th century by English missionaries, in 18th century by Japanese warlords. And in 20th century by American Marines. Okinawa very fortunate. Culture brought to us... not have to leave home for it. Learn many things. Most important that rest of world not like Okinawa..."

Telling us if this is so is Dr. Eitetsu Yamaguchi, Learned Representative of the U.S. New England Branch, Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia: Osaka, Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, <U.S.A.> Ph.D. 2011, Kokugakuin University, M.A. 1974, M.A.T. 1965, Indiana University, B.A. 1961, University of the Ryukyus

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Continuing with Sakini's opening dialogue:

"...But Okinawans most eager to be educated by conquerors. Deep desire to improve friction. Not easy to learn, sometimes painful. But pain makes man think. Thought makes man wise. Wisdom makes life endurable."

Telling us if "future education" make Okinawa wise and life endurable is Dr. George Iwama, Provost/Vice-CEO, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Ph.D. 1986, M.Sc. 1977, B.Sc 1975, University of British Columbia