



# Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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## *Thank you very much!*

A heartfelt appreciation to all members and supporters of Rinzai Zen Mission who helped organize another successful Obon Festival!

It's a challenge for our small group of volunteers to put together such a huge event. Add to that the uncertainty of multiple hurricane/tropical storm threats in this El Nino year! But as in past years, we pulled through because of your dedication and perseverance. We would not be able to survive without all your hard work and we are truly grateful for your support.

Our sincere gratitude to Reverend Seiya Chisaka and his family for their generous support and for joining us in the Obon service and dance. Seeing them on our grounds on Obon day is such a gift for many of our members and those who have visited their temple in Shiogama, Japan.

Thanks also to Maui Ryukyu Culture Group for the live music, Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for the concessions, and to the half-time entertainers Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko of Maui and Ukwanshin Kabudan.

And we are so very grateful to all the dancers and drummers, many coming from different temples and other cultural and faith traditions, and of course, all the spectators, who make this event such a festive affair.

Again, thank you very much!

Alan Nago, President  
Rinzai Zen Mission Board of Directors

皆様方のおかげさまで今年も無事、お施餓鬼ならびに盆踊りを円了する事が出来ました。本当にありがとうございました。

今年はずっと天候が不順で最後の最後まで心配でしたが、次の日の掃除、後片付けが終わるまで順調に進みました。

これもひとえにお力添えを頂きました皆様方のおかげと感謝致しております。

千坂先生と御家族にははるばる日本からおいでいただき感銘深いご法話を頂け有難く存じました。

しばらくぶりにご家族と再開出来、昔の高校生のプログラムの本人、家族や私たちメンバーも本当に楽しい時間を共にすることが出来ました。

本当にありがとうございました！

## *Maui Okinawan Festival*

at Maui Mall will be held on Saturday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!



*Shisaa boys did a great job!*

*Top row:  
Lucas Tamayose  
Brayden Matsuura  
Rylan Matsuura*

*Front row:  
Kuakini Joy  
Kai Meya*



*Young Okinawans of Hawaii (of Honolulu) support us every year. How fortunate we are!*

## *We are keeping up our facilities!*

Our buildings are reaching 26 years old, which is only a few years younger than our beloved old Temple which we lost in a fire in early 1987. Just like anything else, our facilities start showing its age in many places, and require not only regular maintenance but repairs and renovations as well.

We can't do everything at once, but we have done the roofs and the kitchen interior in the last couple of years, and also updated our lighting systems.

We are always working to keep our Mission viable here on the shore of Paia for many years to come, and to serve our Okinawan community's needs. Yes, we are in good shape and not done yet. We have a future to look forward to.

## *Temple Schedule*

### September

13(Sun) Cleaning Day, after post-Obon meeting  
20(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Ohigan Service

### October

10(Sat) Maui Ryukyu Culture Group Bazaar!  
11(Sun) Cleaning Day  
18(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Daruma-ki Service  
30(Fri) - Nov.04(Wed) Sesshin (intensive Zen retreat)