

## WORLDWIDE UCHINANCHU BUSINESS NETWORK

The Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Network, or WUB, is an organization consisting of Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-heart who understands and supports WUB activities from around the world. WUB was established with the core aim of helping Uchinanchu building international business networks and promoting mutual business development for its members and deepen understandings Uchinanchu around the globe. There are 23 Chapters in 16 Countries and regions, with approximately 500 members.

The concept of WUB was initiated at the 2nd Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in 1995, and established in 1997 based on the already active Hawaii Uchinanchu Business Group(HUB). With its first conference in Hawaii in 1997, and up until the 2009 Los Angeles Conference, WUB Conference was held every year in different parts of the world, providing an opportunity for members from each chapter to deepen their ties, discuss challenges, and share information. From 2010, it was decided that conference for the board of directors from each Chapter, and an international conference for all WUB members would meet biannually. In 2016, the 6th WUB International Conference took place in Okinawa at the same time as the 6th Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival.

Ever since the establishment, WUB is enthusiastic to expand business opportunity among members around the world, at the same time, WUB has actively working to nurture young Uchinanchu to provide opportunity to study and earn experiences. WUB Network provides WUB Scholarship Funds with the University of Hawaii to study at East-West Center in Hawaii, and taking part in exchange programs for high school students from Maui and Okinawa.

In recent, at the 18th WUB International Conference in Peru, WUB declared the 'Okinawa "Peace Economy" Statement'.

In 2017, WUB celebrated its 20th anniversary of establishment in Honolulu where WUB started.



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#### WHO WE ARE

1. WUB HQ is in Hawaii and 23 Chapters in 16 Countries and Regions.

2. WUB Executives

Founder: Robert Nakasone Hawaii, 1st President of WUB Network

Honorary President: Denny Tamaki Governor of Okinawa Prefecture

President: Kenji Oshiro

Vice President:

VP-N America John Tasato
VP-S America Rui Chibana
VP-Asia Tony Sakuda

Advisors:

Morimasa Goya (Okinawa, 2nd President of WUB Network) Shinji Yonamine (Brazil, 3rd President of WUB Network) Taizo Makishi (Okinawa, 4th President of WUB Network)

Oscar J. T. Nagamine (Tokyo/Bolivia, 5th President of WUB Network) Yoshikazu Tony Higashi (Okinawa, 6th President of WUB Network) Steve Kishaba Sombrero (Hawaii, 7th President of WUB Network)

#### **MISSION**

- To work together with Uchinanchu business people around the globe towards realization of a "Peace Economy".
- To develop and maintain an international network among Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at heart.
- To provide information on business and professional opportunities for the international Uchinanchu community.
- To support Okinawan cultural and educational exchange.
- To broaden the horizon for our children and future generations by helping them become better international citizens.

#### CONDITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1. People developing or hoping to develop international business
- 2. Anyone of any profession, nationality, religion or gender who have interest in an international business networking, understand and agree of our purpose, can be a member of WUB after approval of Board of Directors.



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### WUB CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

	WUB NETWORK PRESIDENT	Steve Kishaba Sombrero
	CHAPTER	PRESIDENT
1	WUB HAWAII	GREGG TAKARA
2	WUB Okinawa	JINKICHI UEZU
3	WUB BRAZIL	RUI CHIBANA
4	WUB ARGENTINE	ROBERT AGARIE
5	WUB BOLIVIA	TOORU HIGA
6	WUB PERU	MUNETAKA GANAHA
7	WUB NORTH AMERICA	NOLAN HIGA
8	WUB TOKYO	TOMOHIRO TAIRA
9	WUB HONG KONG	
10	WUB CHINA	
11	WUB KANSAI	TAMIO HACHIMINE
12	WUB THAILAND	TADASHI OSHIRO
13	WUB MEXICO	
14	WUB SINGAPORE	KOICHIRO TOYAMA
15	WUB PHILIPPINES	VERG HIGA SOLIS
16	WUB TAIWAN	MASAHIRO KUROSHIMA
17	WUB MAUI	JULIE HIGA
18	WUB MIYAKO	KENJI TOMIYAMA
19	WUB MALAYSIA	
20	WUB ATLANTA	CRAIG HOYT
21	WUB LAOS	UNDER PREPARATION
22	WUB GUAM	INACTIVE
23	WUB CANADA	INACTIVE
24	WUB EUROPE	INACTIVE