



The Young Okinawans of Hawaii recognizes Lois Goto as Uchinanchu of the Year 2008. Lois has been with YOH for five years. She also served on the Board for two years as the club's Cultural Director. From rehearsals to performances, Lois manages plans and organizes all of the dances that YOH performs. In addition, she has introduced the history behind the dances to the club's rehearsals. She unselfishly puts in many hours and dedicates herself to the success of the club which epitomizes the true spirit of the Uchinanchu.

Installation Banquet Committee

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A VERY SPECIAL
IPPEI NIFEE DEEBIRU AND WARM MAHALO

Mr. Masayuki Oshiro

Mr. Masayuki Oshiro, of Okinawa, Japan has once again honored us with his beautiful calligraphies for our theme, "Makutu" and "Chimugukuru" for our Uchinaanchu of the year awards. He holds a fifth degree rank in the Japan Educational Calligraphy Association.

His bonds with HUOA spans decades as he was instrumental in the building of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. He served as our liaison in Okinawa and worked alongside with the committee from Hawaii which late June Arakawa was a member. June did consider and introduced him as her "Okinawa son."