

**HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION  
LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR TO OKINAWA  
September 30, 2009 to October 12, 2009**

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure the continued success of the individual Clubs and the HUOA, we must encourage more individuals to accept leadership positions through growth opportunities. The purpose of this program is to attract, inspire and develop Club and Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) leaders by providing an opportunity to experience the culture, meet and interact with members of the governmental leadership and seek out and connect with relatives and acquaintances in Okinawa

**HOW:**

By offering a select group of individuals, an intensive educational and interactive Leadership Study Tour to Okinawa to introduce or enhance their knowledge about the history, culture and people of Okinawa.

In 1980, 37 men and women went on the first study tour that was initiated and sponsored by the Okinawan Prefectural government and the City-Town-Village Associations in Okinawa. In 1993, HUOA in partnership with the Okinawan Prefectural government and the sponsoring HUOA clubs sent 15 young adults to Okinawa. Four subsequent HUOA Leadership Study Tours (LST) followed in 1995, 1999, 2001 and 2007.

The HUOA Leadership Study Tours have had a tremendous impact and many of the participants have made significant contributions to their respective clubs and the HUOA. These young adults have become presidents of their club or served as a leader in some capacity and become very involved in HUOA activities.

**STUDY TOUR:**

The length of the Leadership Study Tour is ten to twelve days. During the tour a combination of lectures, discussion sessions, tours, interaction with young adults from Okinawa are experienced. Participants spend at least two days, one night in the HOMESTAY segment of the tour...ideally, with their Okinawan relatives or with a family from their ancestors' hometown. Sponsoring clubs must ensure that their candidate has a family to stay with. The Homestay segment of the tour has been one of the most successful components of the Leadership Study Tour since it provides the opportunity for our participants to become truly immersed in the Okinawan language, culture and lifestyle while connecting with their families and citizens of Okinawa.

Leadership Study Tour participants will be required to attend pre-study tour workshops on Okinawan history, culture, protocol and etiquette, as well as workshops on club and the HUOA organization. Participation in post Study Tour evaluation meeting is also required.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

In previous years, HUOA 's role has been to plan and coordinate the Leadership Study Tour and to subsidize 1/3 of the cost for each participant. However, due to HUOA's present financial situation, it is unable to provide any financial support for this Leadership Study Tour. HUOA will coordinate with previous LST participants who have expressed their interest in creating a working committee that will seek alternatives to engage interested participants in a fund raising effort to help defray expenses for the 2009 Leadership Study Tour.

Previously, sponsoring clubs were asked to pay 1/3 of their participant's expenses while the participant paid the remaining 1/3 of the cost. This year, the HUOA asks all member clubs to consider a larger allocation to financially support their candidates.

The total cost for airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations and admission fees is estimated at approximately \$3,000.

#### SELECTION PROCESS:

Each club may nominate a candidate from their membership to become a LST participant by completing and submitting the attached Application Form to the HUOA LST Committee by April 1, 2009. The first (16) candidates who meet the criteria will be selected to participate in HUOA's 2009 LST.

#### CRITERIA:

Participants must be between the ages of twenty five (25) and forty five (45). The HUOA LST Committee may consider exceptions to the age restriction; however, the participant must be at least 21 years old.

Each club is responsible for selecting their candidate. Clubs should keep in mind the purpose of the program – to attract, inspire, and develop Club and HUOA leaders. Individuals need not be active or current officers, however, consideration should be given to their demonstrated potential.

Each participant **MUST** submit the name, address and phone number of their Homestay host family.

It is the expectation that the participants will return from the Leadership Study Tour, inspired and committed to serve and provide leadership in their clubs and the HUOA.

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APPLICATION FORM DUE: April 1, 2009 email: [huaa@huaa.org](mailto:huaa@huaa.org)

Or mail to HUOA at 94-587 Ukee St., Waipahu, HI 96797

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If college student – Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Homestay Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsoring HUOA member club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_