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Maui Okinawan Festival – September 23, 2017

Mensore! Come join us for an Okinawan experience on Maui!

The Maui Okinawan Kenjin Kai (MOKK), along with co-sponsor Maui Mall, will hold its Maui Okinawan Festival on September 23, 2017, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Maui Mall in Kahului. "Chibariyo!" (Do Your Best!) is the theme of the Festival being chaired by Janet Miyahira and Christine Hondo, with lots of support from MOKK members and friends.

The entertainment program will feature continuous Okinawan music and dance performed by homegrown talent from Maui, as well as performers from Oahu. Dance, Sanshin, Taiko, Iaido, all take the stage. The headliner is the dynamic Chinagu Eisa from Honolulu, performing Eisa taiko to both traditional and modern music.

There'll be something for everyone at the Maui Okinawan Festival – even a craft fair featuring the arts, crafts and jewelry of vendors from Maui and Oahu.

Of course, no Okinawan festival is complete without lots of Okinawan food. The Maui Festival will feature delicious pig's feet soup; an Okinawan plate lunch, chow fun; everyone's favorite andagi along with a new favorite: Taco Rice (taco goodies on rice)!

Professional photo sessions in traditional Okinawan wear by Nagamine Photo Studio will also be available for children and adults with all proceeds to benefit MOKK.

Our Country Store will feature homemade pickles, jams and jellies, maki sushi and baked goods.

The children are sure to have fun with the games and activities planned for them. Festival T-shirts will also be available for sale.

The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai welcomes all Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-heart! Mark your calendars and plan on spending the day, Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Maui Okinawan Festival, "Chibariyo!" at the Maui Mall! And, don't forget to bring your recyclable bags.

For more information on the Festival, please call the Maui Okinawan Cultural Center at 242-1560.

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai, a non-profit organization, is committed to promote fellowship and mutual understanding among its members, to promote and perpetuate, as well as encourage, the appreciation of Okinawan heritage, culture and arts, and to promote intellectual welfare of its members and the community. Membership is open to everyone, those whose roots are in Okinawa Prefecture in Japan as well as others who are interested in the Okinawan culture. They are affiliated with the Hawaii United Okinawan Association (HUOA).