

## A new area in Shurijo Castle Park is opening to the public

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Inviting you to deeper into Shurijo Castle, a world yet unseen!

Parts of the Shurijo Castle grounds which include the Seiden in Shurijo Castle Park have been open to the public since 1992. The long-awaited opening of Ouchibara and other "inner" world of Shurijo will take place for the first time on February 1, 2019! We hope you will take this opportunity to visit Shurijo Castle to feel the history of Ryukyu and Okinawa. Please refer to the back for event details.

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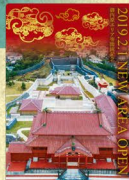
#### Admission fee required

##### ① Gift of original clear files

Limited to the first 500 visitors! Receive an original clear file!

**Dates** February 1 (Fri)-February 28 (Thu), 2019

**Place** Houshinmon Gate \*Until supplies last.



##### ② Traditional Costume Experience

Dress up in traditional Ryukyuan kimono and have your pictures taken to remember this special event!

**Dates** February 1 (Fri)-February 3 (Sun), 2019

**Place** Yokokoriden **Fee** 300 Yen/Person



##### ③ Special Performance of Traditional

Ryukyu Buyo dances developed at Shurijo Castle during the period of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Graceful and enchanting dances with gorgeous costumes will be performed at the special stage.

**Dates** January 28 (Mon)-February 3 (Sun), 2019

**Place** Special Stage at Kushino Una

**Times** 11:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00



##### ④ Ouchibara Explanations

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**Dates** January 28 (Mon)-February 28 (Thu), 2019

**Place** Kushino Una



#### ⑤ Panel Exhibition of Old Photographs

An exhibit of pre-war photographs of Ouchibara and other areas within Shurijo Castle, from the collection of photographs taken by Mr. Masazo Mori of the former Ministry of Education.

**Dates** January 28 (Mon)-February 28 (Thu), 2019

**Place** Nanden/1st Floor of Bandokoro



#### Free zone

##### ⑥ Ryukyu Awamori Iki in Zenikura

FM Okinawa's popular radio show is coming to Shurijo Castle! The special program will be broadcasted live from Shurijo Castle.

**Dates** February 1 (Fri), 2019

**Place** 1st Floor of Suimuikan **Times** 11:30-13:55



##### ⑦ Ryukyu Awamori Iki in Zenikura

A panel exhibit will be held at the Zenikura, where it is said that the royal government stored Awamori. The exhibit will introduce the history of Awamori, and various ways to enjoy this proud spirit produced in Okinawa since long ago.

**Dates** January 27 (Sun)-February 3 (Sun), 2019

**Place** Zenikura



##### ⑧ Retail of Special Items to Commemorate the Opening of Ouchibaru Area

To commemorate the opening of the new area, we have a variety of original Shurijo items available. We're sure you'll find the perfect memento!

**Dates** Available from January 28 (Mon), 2019

**Place** Museum Shop Kyuyo and other shops



\*Please note the event contents are subject to change without advanced notice. Please check the website for updated information.

#### Information

- 🕒 Opening hours from Dec. to Mar.: 8:00 to 18:30 (Parking lot closes at 19:00)  
Note: Paid areas such as the Seiden are open from 8:30 to 18:00  
(Admission tickets available until 17:30)
- 💰 Admission: Adults ¥820, high school students ¥620, elementary/junior high school students ¥310

#### Inquiries

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# The long-awaited "inner" world of Shuriyo Castle is opening!

## What are the three areas of Shuriyo Castle?

Shuriyo Castle proudly served as the center of politics, diplomacy, and culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom. With such roles, did you know, the Shuriyo Castle can be largely divided into three different areas? These are: 1. the governing area where politics and administrative affairs took place; 2. the sacred area of Kyo-no Uchi, where ceremonies were held; and 3. Ouchibara, an area where the king, the royal family, and ladies of the court resided and held rituals. The Ouchibara will soon be open to the public for the first time, inviting our visitors to enter into the 3rd area, the place of residence and rituals of the royal family.



## What are the three areas of Shuriyo Castle?

The eastern side of the Seiden was called Ouchibara, and this area was where the king, his family, and the ladies of the court that served them resided. From the Seiden and beyond, politics and foreign affairs took place in the "outer" world of Shuriyo Castle. However, in the "inner" world of Ouchibara, men were forbidden to enter, and women were in charge of all the duties.

Admission fee required Free zone

### Agari-no Azana

An observation area on the east side of the Castle, where one can see the whole Shuriyo Castle grounds along with the outer areas of the Castle.

### Hakuginmon

This was the main gate leading to Shinbyoden, and only the King was permitted its passage. This gate is also known as Shirogane Ujo.

### Keiseimon

This was normally a side gate, but when a King passed away, a Prince who lived outside of the Castle would pass through this gate, on his way to officially ascend to the throne.

### Bifukumon

One of the entrances to Ouchibara, and before the construction of the Keiseimon, it functioned as the Castle's east gate. It originally faced Akata, and therefore was called the Akata Ujo.

### Shinbyoden

This was where the remains of the deceased King was temporarily laid to rest.

### Living Quarters of the Female Court Attendants

This was the living quarters for the ladies of the court who attended to duties at Ouchibara.

### Ni-ke Udun

A sitting room where the King spent his time daily. A hallway leads directly to the Seiden.

### Yohokoriden

This was where the ascension ceremony took place when a King passed away and the next King took over the throne. At other times, this area was the sleeping chamber for an unmarried princess.

### Shukujujmon

This side gate, also known as Onaka-Ujo, was an access route into the Ouchibara, and was used by the court ladies attending the King and his family.

### Kushino-una