Islands of the World IV
“Island Matters, Islands Matter”
Okinawa, Japan
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Program

Main Topics

• Non-nuclearisation in island realms
• Islandiness and Insularity
• Island microstates and their prospects: economic alternatives
• Sustainability of environmentally sound agro-ecosystems and more effective utilisation of traditional resources and food production systems
• Gender relations in solving socio-economic problems of small islands
• Problems of management and maintenance of water resources in small islands
• Island archipelago nations – the problems of socio-economic and political disparities; cultural revival and survival on island realms
• Global networking of island communities
• Small islands, environmental problems and their impacts: regional planning for long-term environmental change

Speeches

Newspaper Article

Island '94 Symposium

Conclusion of Islands IV

Organiser Island IV

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Okinawa Convention Center

Cultural Program

Host family

Sight Seeing

About Okinawa

Okinawa is the central and largest of the group of islands that comprise the Ryukyu Islands, an archipelago that reaches 1,000 km from the Japan mainland to Taiwan.

Naha, on Okinawa, is the largest city as well as the major seaport, commercial airport and industrial centre. Approximately one third of Okinawa is occupied by U.S. military bases.

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