

Sacred Grounds Zone

Service and Prayers
for the Departed Souls



National Okinawa War Dead Mausoleum

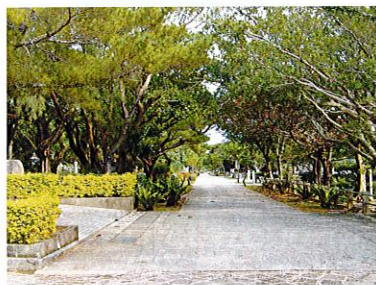
After the war, the remains of war casualties in Okinawa Prefecture were gathered by residents at the same time as reconstruction, and mausoleums along with memorial towers were built in various places. After that, these ashes were collected and transferred to a central mausoleum constructed on behalf of the Japanese Government, but in order to lay the souls of these war victims to eternal rest, the remains of these individuals were transferred in 1979 to the newly built National Okinawa War Dead Mausoleum on Mabuni Hill. The Mausoleum holds the ashes of around more than 180,000 souls, and people keep on coming to visit it.



Nojigiku Monument



Shimamori Monument



Memorial Path

Every year, memorial service groups visit the memorial monuments of the 32 prefectures located on both sides of the path. This area also features the dugout where Lieutenant General Ushijima, who was then Okinawa Defense Commander, ended his own life. (Those of the 14 prefectures such as Hokkaido and Tokyo are located in other areas)

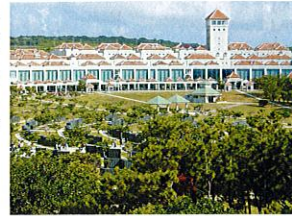
Peace Zone

Mourn War Casualties
and Pray for Peace

Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum

Newly built and opened in 2000, this museum as a central base is used for properly passing on the horrible reality of the Battle of Okinawa and the lessons learned from this experience while implementing studies, research and educational activities having the purpose of building peace.

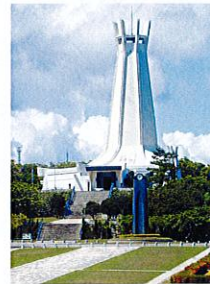
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Okinawa Peace Hall

The Okinawa Peace Hall was opened on October 1, 1978 as the "World Peace Mecca" for all people regardless of race, nationality, belief or religion. The 12-meter high Peace Memorial Statue enshrined in the Hall serves as a symbol of peace not only for people of Okinawa but for all mankind.

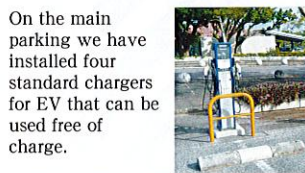
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Convenient Facilities



We are operating electric buses so that visitors can move around the park in a comfortable way. Operating Hours: 09:00 to 17:00 with about 30-minute intervals (Bus stop locations are described on the map. Possible to get on and off at places other than bus stops.) Fare: 100 yen for 1 day unlimited ride



On the main parking we have installed four standard chargers for EV that can be used free of charge.

At the information centers we have installed Wi-Fi Free Spots to provide an environment allowing you to access the Internet free of charge.



Garden Path / Playground Zone

All the fields and playground facilities are used as relaxing places by local residents for ground golf, picnic and other activities on holidays.



Use of the Park



Peace Ceremony Zone

Scenery of the Ceremony
Honoring the Departed Souls



Many related persons are coming from Japan and foreign countries such as the United States and others to participate in the memorial service held every year for the Memorial Day on June 23, in order to honor those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa. As the clock strikes noon, silent prayers are offered for an everlasting world peace.

Cornerstone Design Concept of Peace

The concept is to show surging waves of an iron storm turning into everlasting waves of peace moving towards the ocean.



Inscription Monument

The inscription monuments were placed to spread radially in the form of an arc centered on the Peace Plaza.

They have been arranged in a folding screen-like shape, with 69 stones of 5-fold type and 49 stones of 3-fold type for a total of 118 stones, and the names of about 250,000 people can be inscribed on the 1,220 surfaces of the inscription monuments.

Main Walkway

For the main walkway, its center line has been set according to the sunrise orientation on June 23 for the "Memorial Day".



Peace Plaza

At the center of Peace Plaza, the "Flame of Peace" is burning. This "Flame of Peace" is composed of other flames made of one flame taken from Aka Island in Zamami Village which is the first landing place of US forces in Okinawa, and two other flames that were taken from the cities where nuclear bombs were dropped, using the "Light of Peace" from Hiroshima and the "Fire of Oath" from Nagasaki. The flame that had been burning since 1991 was transferred to the Cornerstone of Peace on the July 23 1995 for the Memorial Day.

