ABOUT OKINAWA

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Outline of Okinawa Prefecture

Juicy and sweet tankan (Okinawa tangerine)

Sacred Hamagawa Utaki where the creation goddess is said to have lived ©OCVB

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Hinpun Banyan tree estimated to be 300 years old

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Sacred Hamaga
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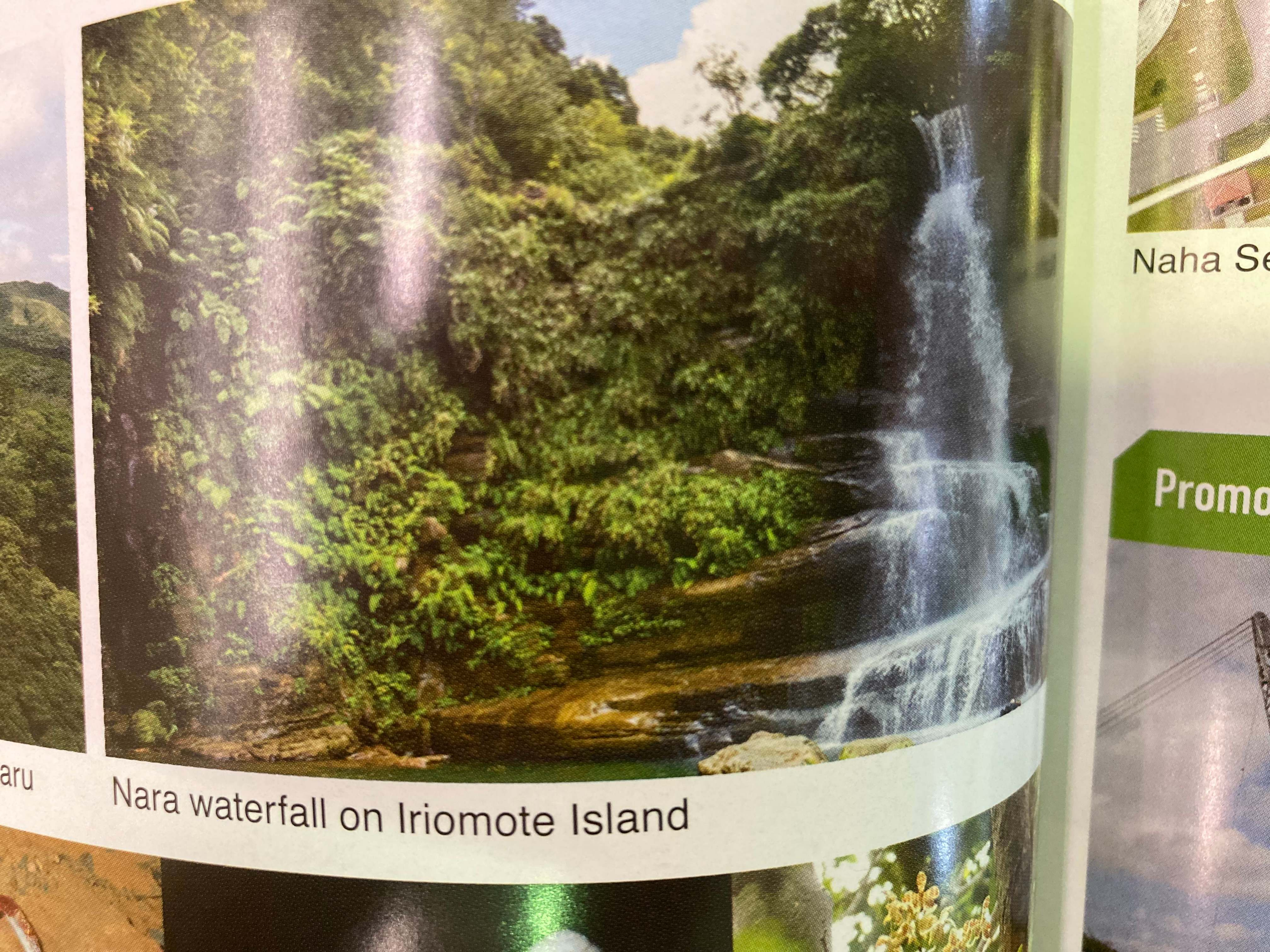
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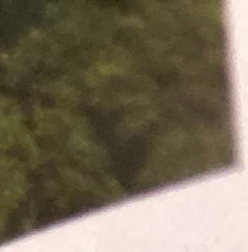
Nara waterfall on Iriomote Island



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Okinawa Yamataka Maimai (Snail)

Iriomote orchid

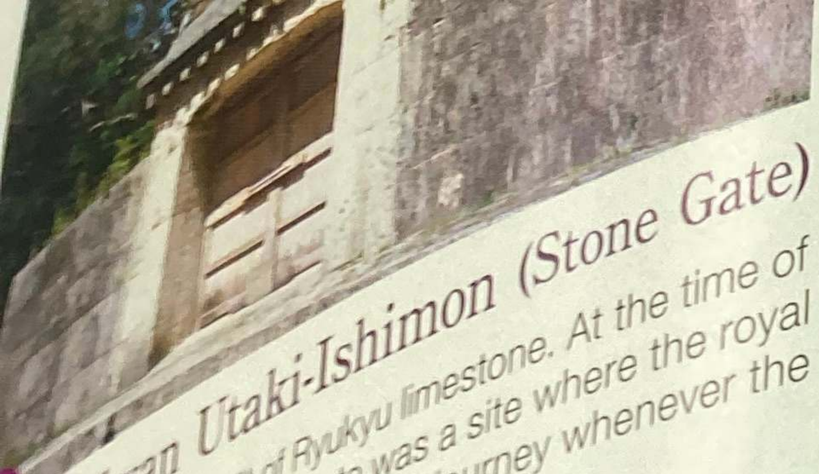
when mask-wearing
supernatural beings
ward off misfortune

"Hachigatsu Odori" of Tarama Island to pray for abundant harvests

Dance perform

Miyako Island's Paantu festival when mask-wearing supernatural beings ward off misfortune

Ogimi Village's Ungami (Sea God Festival) held to pray for good health and bountiful harvest



Sonohyan Utaki-Ishimon (Stone Gate)

This stone gate is built of Ryukyu limestone. At the time of the Ryukyu Kingdom, this gate was a site where the royal family would gather to pray for safe journey whenever the king would leave the castle.

7 Tamaudun

This mausoleum entombs the Second Sho Dynasty lineage. Chambers housing the bones of former kings are arranged into a middle chamber with two more on the east and west sides.

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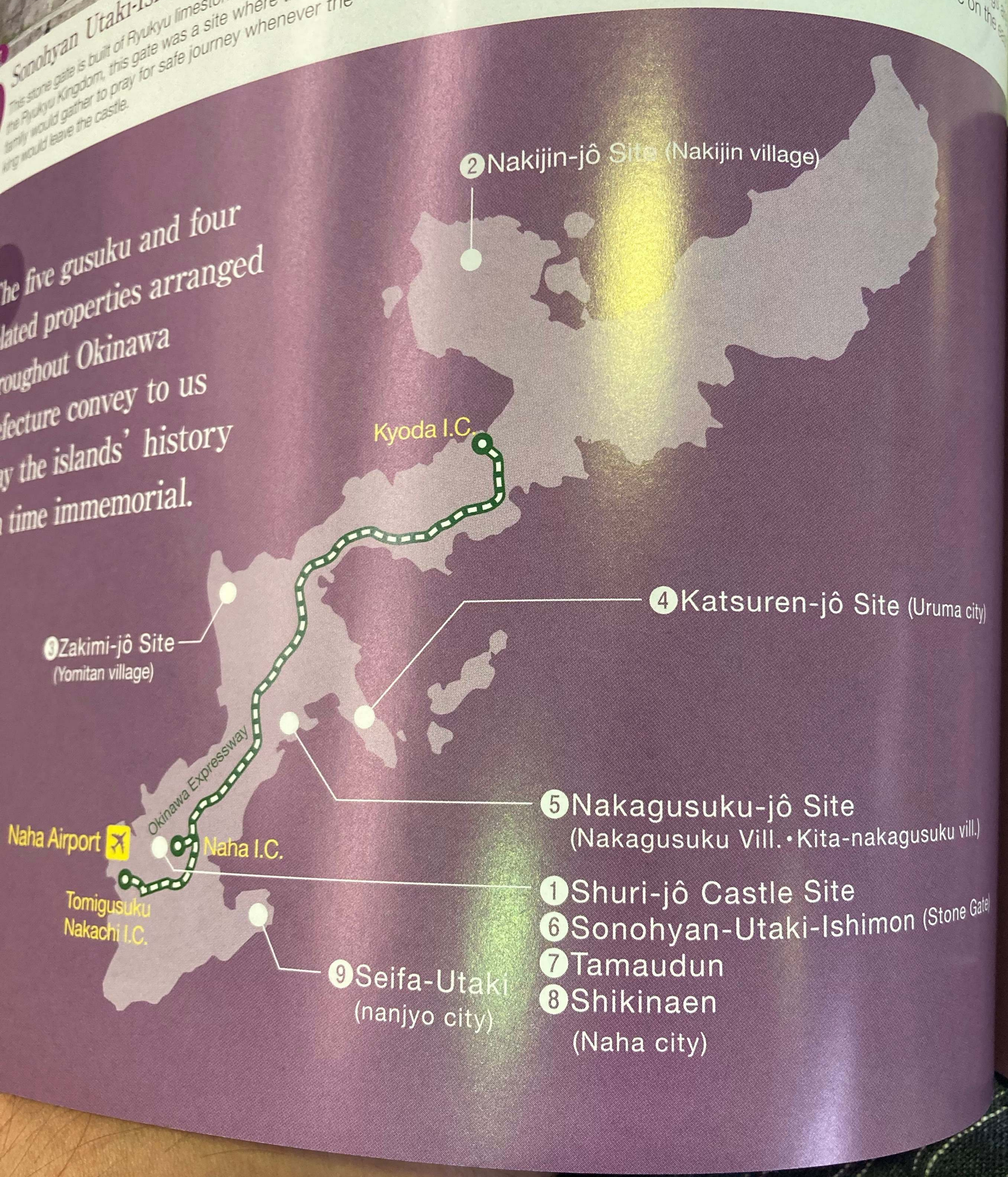
The five gusuku and four related properties arranged throughout Okinawa Prefecture convey to us by the islands' history in time immemorial.



Mangos ripen under the Okinawa sun

Prefectural Fish: Banana Fish
(Takasago, locally known as Gurukun)

Taco rice is the Okinawa variation of tacos

Farmer growing beni imo(sweet potato)

Pineapple, the quintessential Okinawan fruit

Chinsuko is a traditional Okinawan sweet

Tebichi (boiled pig foot) is a delicacy

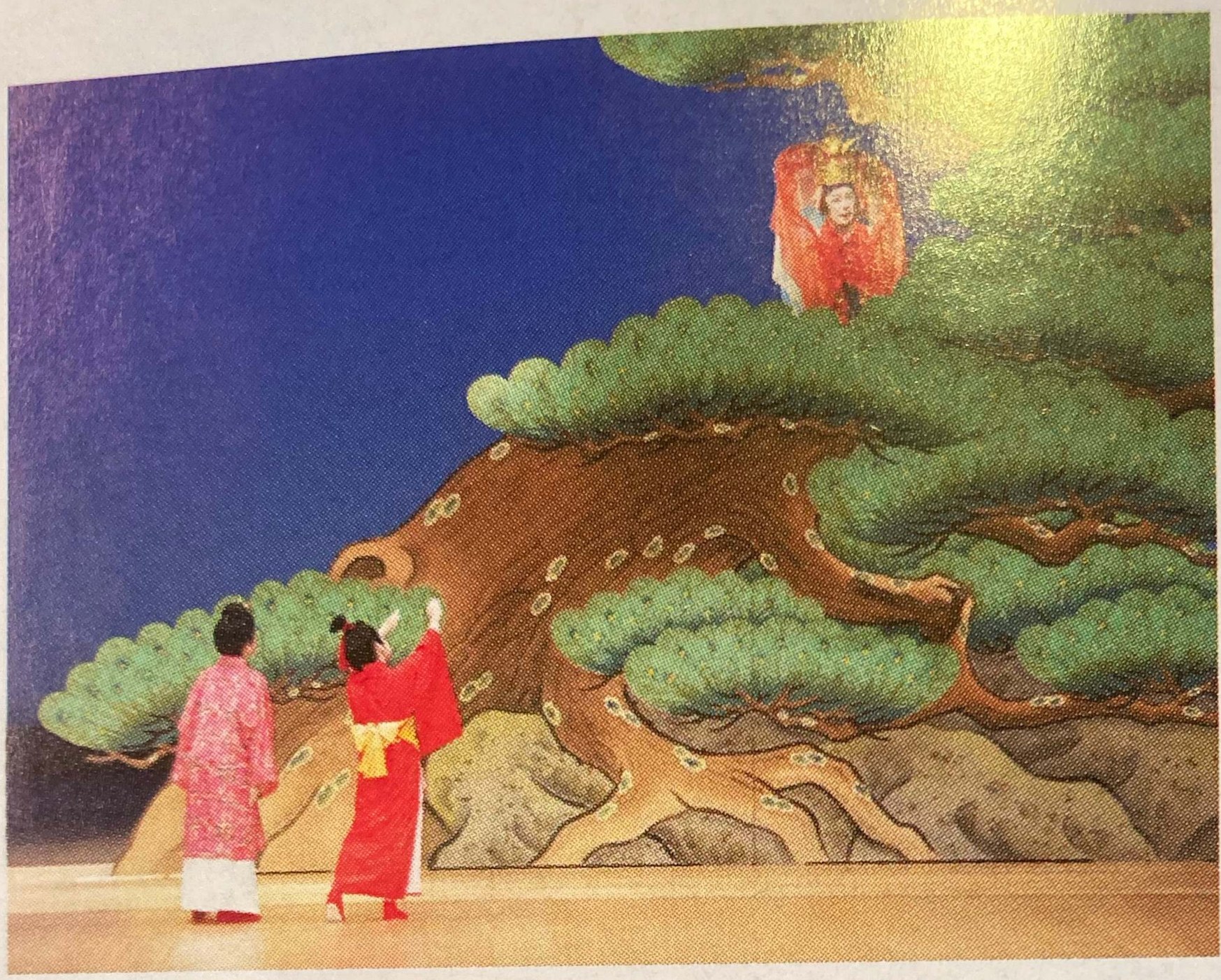
Crafted Ryukyu glass

Okinawan Yachimun pottery

Shuri Ori, a woven Okinawan textile

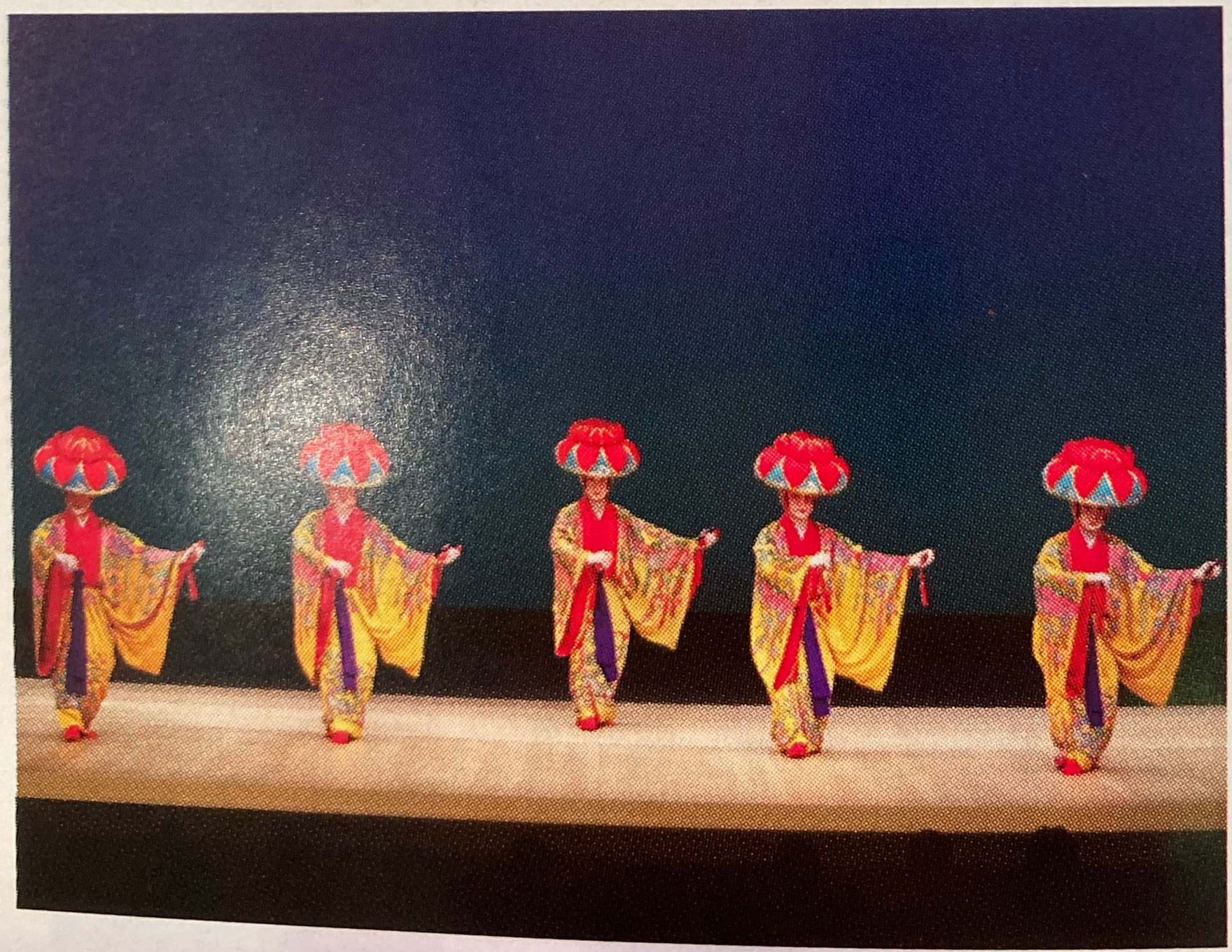
crafted

Bingata, a traditional stenciled dyeing technique

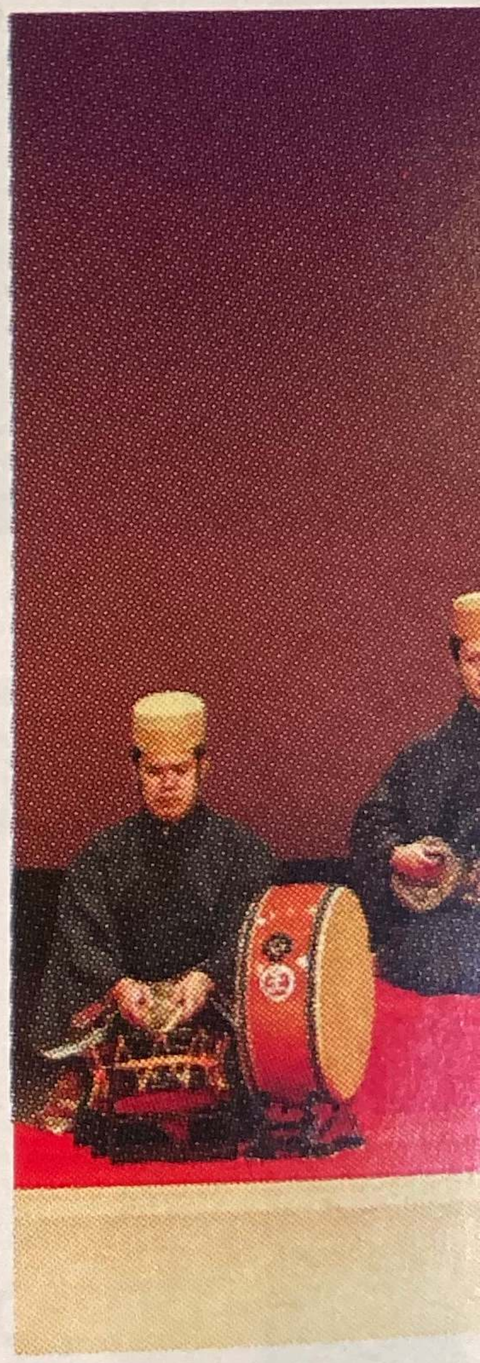


Mekarushi (Master Mekaru)/Kumiodori

Onna-munu



Ryukyuan Dance



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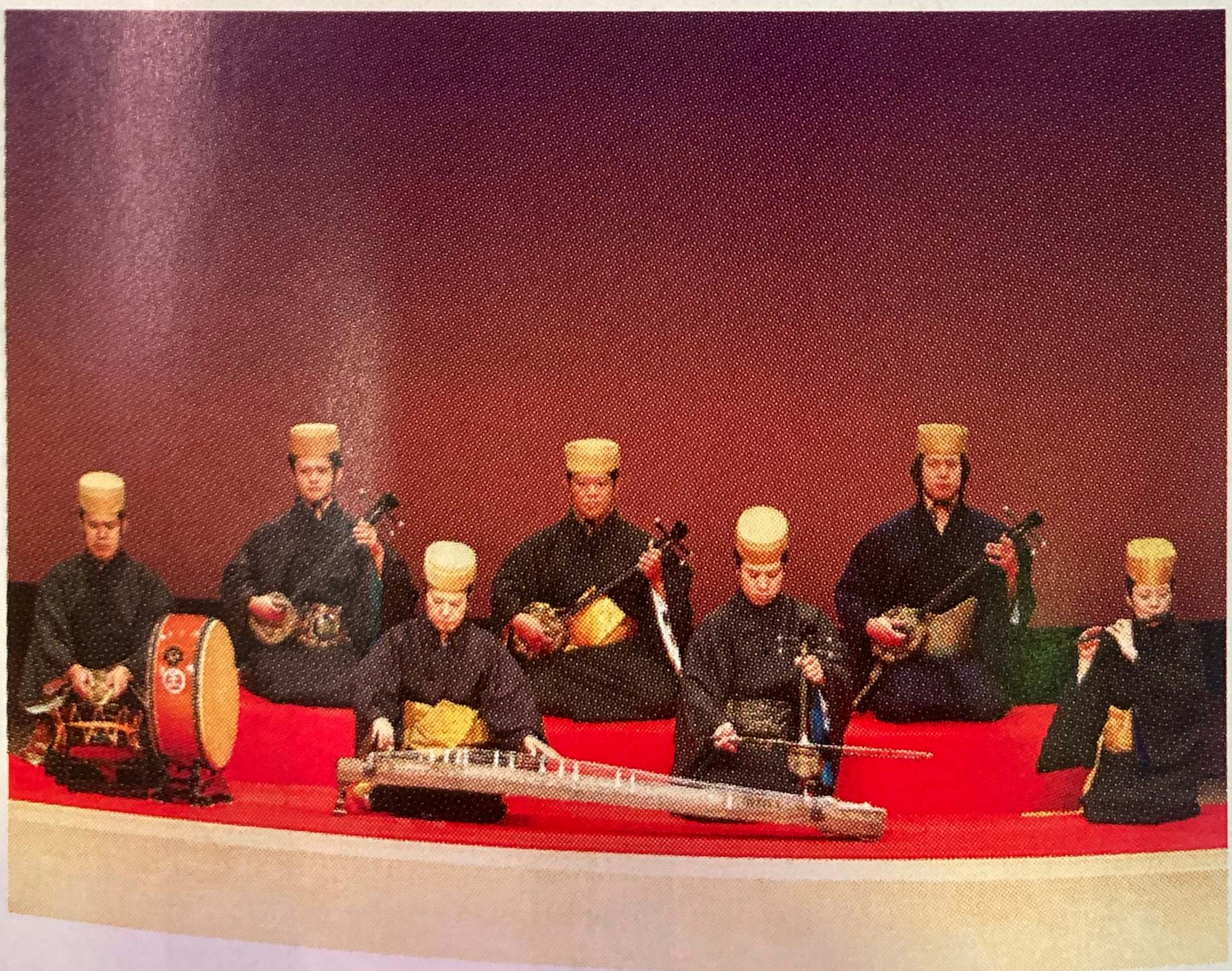
Onna-munu-gurui (The Madwoman)/Kumiodori



Classical Ryukyuan music

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Tumai Ahkah/Okinawan Play

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Stick fighting /Folk entertainment

HISTORY

1853	Commodore Perry arrives at Naha
1835	King Sho Iku, 18th rule of Ryukyu Kingdom's Second Sho Dynasty, enthroned
1623	Gima Shinjo produces raw sugar
1609	Satsuma army invades and brings the Ryukyu Kingdom under rule of the Shimazu clan
1531	First volume of Omoro Soshi compiled
1458	Gosamaru-Amawari Rebellion
1429	King Sho Hashi unifies the three centers of power and establishes the Ryukyu Kingdom
1187	King Shunten enthroned
605	The characters "Ryukyu" first appear in a historical Chinese document

1972	Okinawa reverts to Japan, dollars changed to yen
1969	Japan-[illegible] Communiqué on [illegible] Reversion
1952	Gov. of the Ryukyu Islands established
1951	San Francisco Peace Treaty places Okinawa and Amami islands under US administration
1945	US military lands on Okinawa; Japanese military signs the instrument of surrender
1879	Okinawa Prefecture established (haihan-chiken: Japan's feudal domains abolished and prefectures established)
1872	Ryukyu Domain established
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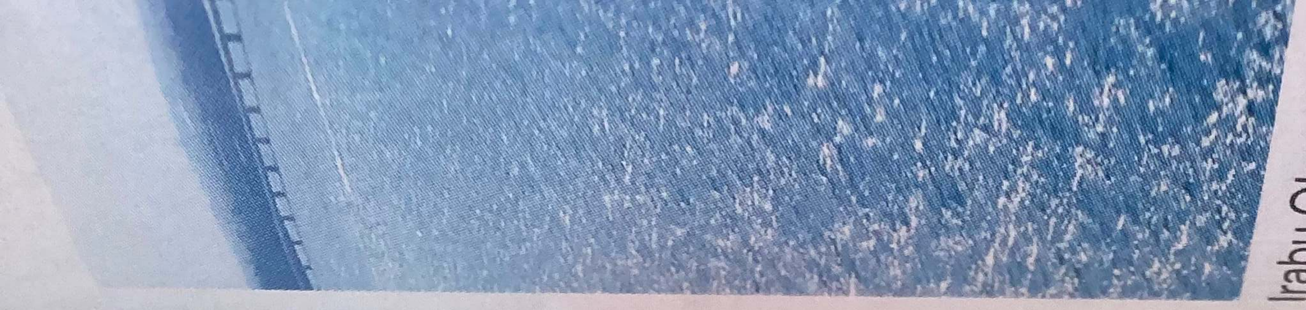
1833	King Sho Iku, 18th rule

(Courtesy of Naha City Museum of History)

2007	Okinawa Prefectural Museum and Art Museum opens
2003	Okinawa Urban Monorail (Yui Rail) service begins
2002	Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium opens
2000	26th G8 Summit (Kyushu-Okinawa Summit) held
1995	「Cornerstone of Peace erected
1990	1st World Uchinanchu Festival held
1987	42nd National Sports Festival "Kaiho Kokutai" held in Okinawa
1978	Traffic switches from right to left side of road
1975	EXPO 1975 Okinawa opens



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Driving
(Courtesy of Naha C

tinues to grow with the times

2009	Annual tourist arrivals top 10 million
2007	Okinawa Karate Kaikan opens
2006	Yanbaru designated a national park
2005	Irabu Ohashi Bridge opens
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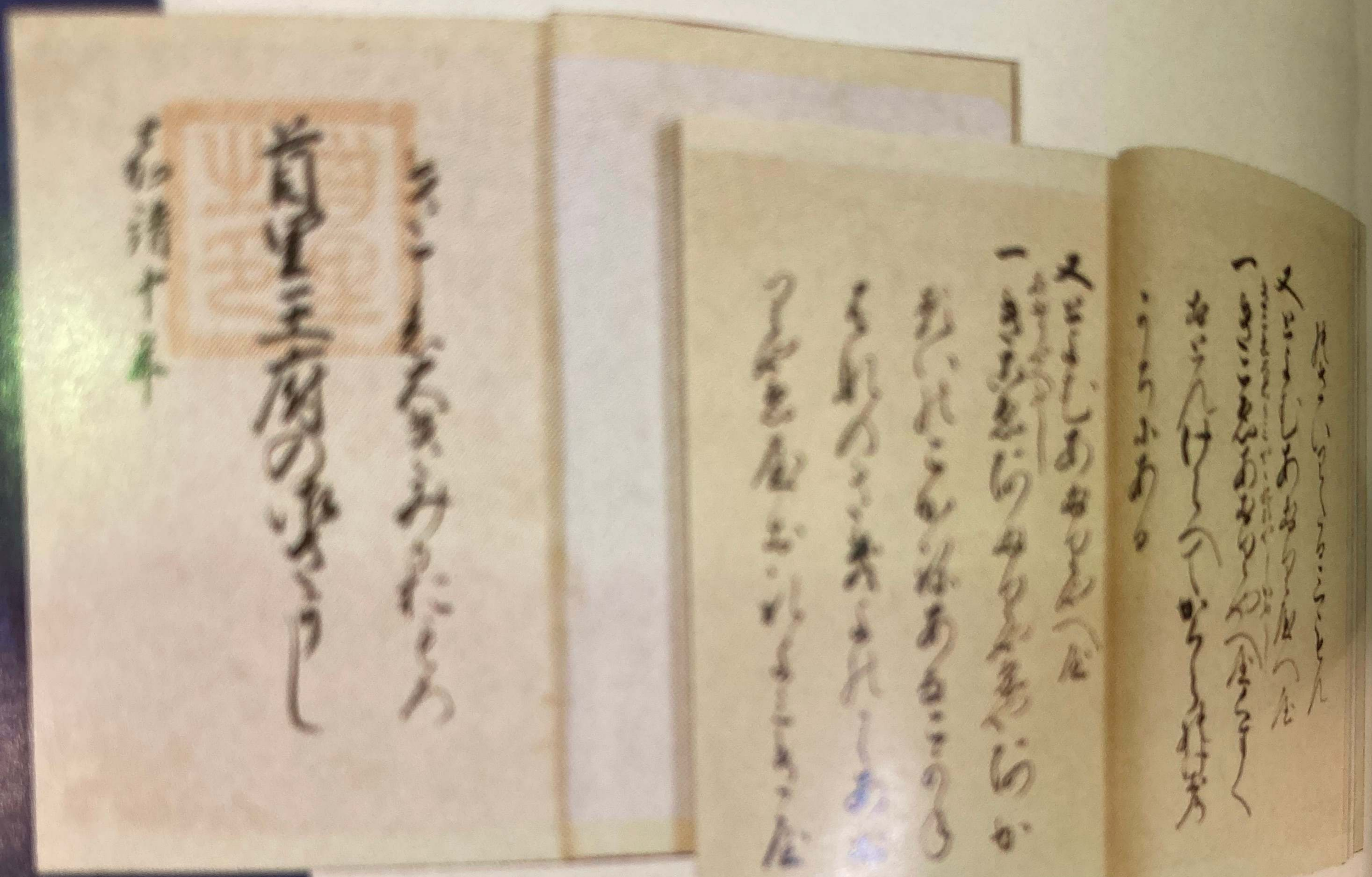
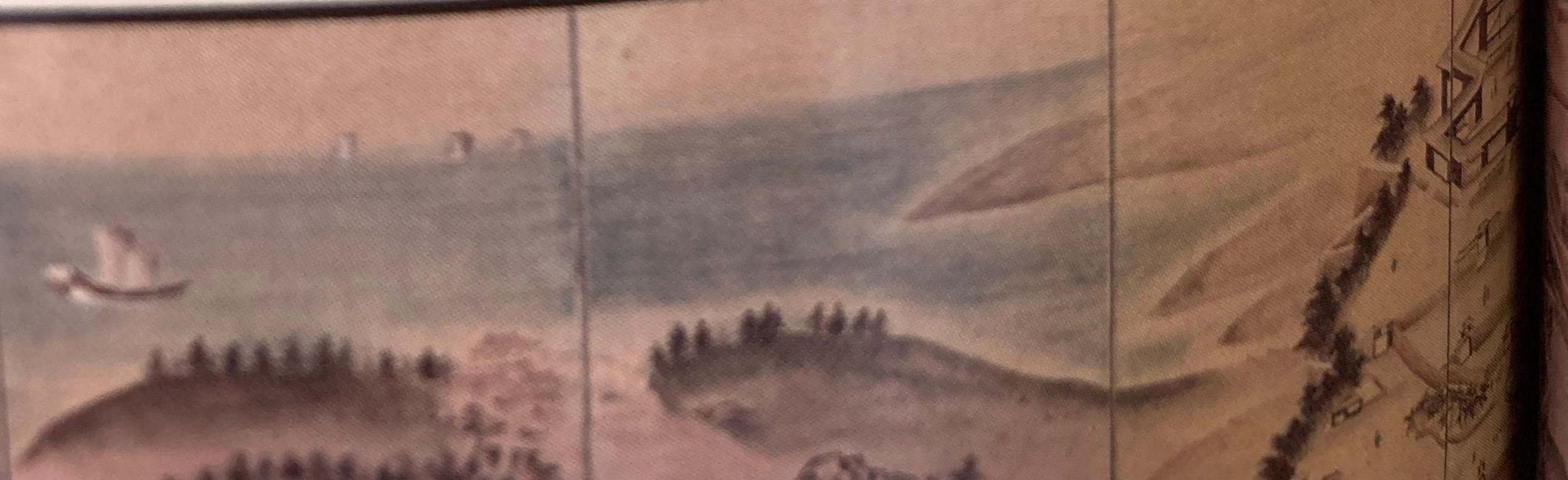


Omoro Soshi Collection of Poems & Songs
(Okinawa Prefectural Museum and Art Museum Collection)



Okinawa rail (Yanbaru kuina)

Bougainvillea

Fukugi Tree-lined/Motobu Town