



# AMCHAM OKINAWA

## Colleague

June 2009



## President's First Word

By William J. Kelly, President  
会頭 ウィリアム・J・ケリー



Many Chamber members and I had the pleasure of attending a reception aboard the USS Blue Ridge on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Vice Admiral John Bird, U.S. 7th Fleet Commander, welcomed the visitors and gave a brief speech on 7th Fleet history and his Command Ship, the Blue Ridge. Welcome addresses were also given by Consul General Kevin Maher, American Consulate, Naha, and Lieutenant General Richard C. Zilmer, Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan.

On Friday, May 22, 2009, ACCO members and I attended a reception hosted by LCDR Alexander T. Soe, Former Commanding Officer, Military Sealift Command Office, Okinawa, and Mr. Todd Langdon, Director of United Seamen's Service Center, Okinawa in recognition of National Maritime Day 2009. Rear Admiral Richard B. Landolt, Commander, Amphibious Force, 7th Fleet/Expeditionary Strike Group 7 was the Guest Speaker and he gave a very informative speech that outlined the many services provided by the Military Sealift Command.

English in Education Committee Chairman, Mr. Gordon Bolton held an "English Land" on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at the Okinawa City Kodomo-no-Kuni zoo. I was very much impressed with the 75 children and the five assistants that Mr. Bolton led in conducting participation in the games and learning the English language. Congratulations Gordon, for a job well done.

Next month we look forward to Independence Day in a joint celebration hosted by the American Consulate, Naha and the American Chamber of Commerce, in Okinawa. The event will take place at the Consulate grounds at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 3rd.

There will not be a General Membership Meeting in July due to the joint Independence Day celebration and our next GMM will be on Friday, August 7, 2009 when I look forward to seeing each of you.

5月2日(土)に開催された米海軍第7艦隊旗艦ブルーリッジ号の艦内レセプションには、多数の在沖米国商工会議所役員・理事が出席。第7艦隊司令官 ジョン・バード海軍中將が、出席者を歓迎し、第7艦隊の歴史や自らが指揮するブルーリッジ号についてスピーチを行いました。また、在沖米国総領事館 ケビン・メア総領事、第3海兵遠征軍司令官兼在日米海兵隊基地司令官兼在日米海兵隊司令官 リチャード・ジルマー海兵隊中將から歓迎の挨拶がありました。

在沖米国商工会議所役員・理事は、5月22日(金)に開催された米海軍海上輸送司令部 アレクサンダー・ソー前司令官、ユナイテッドシーメンズサービス沖縄 トッド・ラングドン統括責任者が主催する2009年度 海の日レセプションにも出席。第7艦隊水陸両用部隊/第7遠征打撃群司令官 リチャード・ランドルト海軍少將が来賓講演を行い、米海軍海上輸送司令部が提供するさまざまな業務について非常に有益な説明をされました。

英語教育委員会 ゴードン・ボルトン委員長は、5月23日(土)、沖縄こどもの国にてイングリッシュランドを開催。ボルトン委員長が先導し、約75名の児童生徒と5名のボランティアがゲームや英会話体験に参加する姿に大変感心していました。

ボルトン委員長、イングリッシュランドの成功おめでとうございます。

来月7月3日(金)午後6時から在沖米国総領事館・在沖米国商工会議所合同主催の独立記念日祭が開催されますので、7月は通常の定例会はございません。次回の通常定例会は8月7日(金)の開催になります。皆様にお目にかかれることを楽しみにしております。



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## Calendar Check

### June 2009

June 5	APCAC Committee Meeting – ANA Laguna Garden Hotel, Atrium Lounge @ 11:00a.m.
June 5	General Membership Committee Meeting – ANA Laguna Garden Hotel, 2F @11:30a.m.
June 8	Special Events Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @12:00p.m. – 13:00p.m.
June 8	Program Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.
June 10	Trade Committee Meeting – J.C. Thompson Corporation @12:00p.m.
June 11	Membership Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @2:00p.m.
June 12	Board of Governors Meeting - Pizza House Restaurant, 2F @ 12:00p.m – 2:00p.m.
June 16	English in Education Committee Meeting – Grand Mer Resort, 1F @12:00p.m.
TBD	IT Committee Meeting
TBD	Military Liaison Committee Meeting
TBD	Public Relations Committee Meeting
TBD	Officers Meeting

### July 2009

July 3	Independence Day Celebration – American Consulate General, Naha @17:30
July 3	APCAC Committee Meeting – ANA Laguna Garden Hotel, Atrium Lounge @ 11:00a.m.
July 8	Trade Committee Meeting – J.C. Thompson Corporation @12:00p.m.
July 9	Membership Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @2:00p.m.
July 10	Board of Governors Meeting - Pizza House Restaurant, 2F @ 12:00p.m – 2:00p.m.
July 13	Special Events Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @12:00p.m. – 13:00p.m.
July 13	Program Committee Meeting - Rose Garden @12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.
July 21	English in Education Committee Meeting – Grand Mer Resort, 1F @12:00p.m.
TBD	IT Committee Meeting
TBD	Military Liaison Committee Meeting
TBD	Public Relations Committee Meeting
TBD	Officers Meeting

## Membership Box as of May 31, 2009

- Company Members: 30
- Company Associate Members: (Voting): 4
- Company Associate Members: 7
- Special Company Members: 20
- Special Company Associate Member: 1
- Special Members: 21
- Associate Members: 9
- Distinguished Members: 6
- Honorary Members: 19
- Non-Resident Members: 5

Total Members: 122



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Guest Speaker

**KOTARO HIGUCHI**

樋口耕太郎

**President, Trinity Inc.**

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Mr. Higuchi has more than 15 years of experience in real estate finance/capital market sector both in New York and Tokyo, and has been a pioneer and innovator in real estate finance. Almost all the deals that he developed and closed in the past 10 years are either the first in Japan or in the industry. During which time, he invested in total of \$500 million in assets and achieved over 40% annual return on equity with almost zero leverage.

Mr. Higuchi started his professional career when he joined Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. in 1989 and spent large part of his time at its real estate finance group on Wall Street. Upon leaving Nomura, he was a principal at Raysum Co., Ltd., a JASDAQ listed real estate investment firm, responsible for developing and managing the finance/strategic new businesses for the entire group. In a little over three years after he took responsibility, and after yielding one-third of the group's entire pre tax profit of \$300 million, Raysum emerged into the innovative and leading real estate finance group in the explosive industry of late 1990's.

In 2004, he moved his entire business base to Okinawa from Tokyo, foreseeing the key factor for the next society lies in Okinawa, and started providing turnaround management to hotels. After acquiring Sun Marina Hotel, he introduced unique management style, now called "Trinity Management", by entirely abolishing evaluation by merit and put utmost importance in human relations and love. Sun Marina, which had never made any profit for the past 12 years, turned to \$1.3 million profit, over \$2.3 million cash flow, after a little over a year of the acquisition. In 2006, he founded Trinity Inc., a turnaround and business management firm specializes in "labor intensive service companies", and is a president.

Mr. Higuchi has a B.A. in liberal arts from University of Tsukuba, and an MBA in finance from New York University. He often holds lectures in government-sponsored "Finance Educational Seminar" at University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa Association for Business Recovery, and Okinawa-sponsored "management seminar for leaders in agriculture and forestry". Currently, He sponsors "Next Generation Finance Seminar" in Naha. He is a member of Okinawa Association of Business Executives, and Okinawa Association for Business Recovery.

1989年野村証券株式会社入社。ニューヨークおよび東京の投資銀行部門にて、不動産金融・証券化・マーチャントバンキングの専門家として約12年間勤務。2001年より、当時JASDAQ上場を果たしたばかりの不動産トレーディング会社、株式会社レーサムとの共同経営者として当社の金融部門を統括する。野村証券からの転身は、業界では当初意外と受け止める者も少なくなかったが、それ以降、戦略的新規案件、グループ事業戦略、金融商品開発のほぼ全てを立案・実行するなど、中古不動産の売買会社に過ぎなかったレーサム社を、僅か3年前後で業界最大手(当時)の先端的不動産金融グループへと成長させ、同期間のグループ連結経常利益合計300億円の3分の1を生み出す。日・米において過去10年間にまとめた事業・案件のほぼ全ては、「日本初」、「業界初」の先端的案件であり、500億円の資産を対象とした平均投資収益率は、レバレッジを殆ど使わずに年率40%を超えるなど、金融業界においても極めて異色の実績を持つ。

2004年、次世代社会への変容を想定して事業の本拠地を沖縄に完全に移す。「労働集約的サービス業」を対象とした再生事業を開始し、専門領域の全く異なる沖縄のリゾート、サンマリーナホテルにおいて、成果主義を完全撤廃し、人間関係を最優先する独特の経営手法(トリニティ経営)を開発・実行。10年以上に亘って実質的な赤字企業だったサンマリーナを、2年足らずで経常利益1.3億円、キャッシュフロー2.3億円の高収益企業に再生。沖縄では殆ど前例のないリゾートの事業再生を実現した。2006年よりリゾートホテル、金融事業、航空事業などを対象とした、経営受託・事業再生の専門会社トリニティ株式会社を設立。代表取締役社長(現任)。

日本銀行が主催する事業再生研究会、内閣府が主催し琉球大学で開催される金融人財育成講座、沖縄県が主催する林業事業体経営セミナーなどで講師を務める。社会を生態系と捉える独特の事業戦略論、人間関係を最優先する愛の経営理論、破天荒な経営実務と破格な実績を分かり易く伝える講演は、「目から鱗」と人気が高い。本年3月より那覇市内にて「次世代金融講座」を主催し、沖縄の著名事業家・実務家・若手リーダーのみならず、遠路東京、神戸などからも受講者を集めている。第二期は6月13日(土)より開講。[www.trinityinc.jp/updated](http://www.trinityinc.jp/updated)

1998年筑波大学比較文化学類(BA)、1997年ニューヨーク大学経営学修士課程(MBA)卒業。沖縄経済同友会、沖縄事業再生研究会のメンバー。

Guest Speaker

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**Editor's Note:** Mr. Higuchi has provided the following summary of his presentation for the benefit of our Japanese members and guests.

売上目標がない！ 研修制度は全廃！ 流行のクレドもない！ 顧客満足度も目指さない。上司の唯一の仕事は「部下の役に立つこと」。社長は1ヶ月間他の仕事をせずに、250人の全従業員と一人30分の面接、また時には、厨房で一日中仕込みのアルバイト。人間関係が何よりも(仕事よりも！)優先され、成果主義・収益主義・能力主義の一切が組織から消えた。役員を含む全ての従業員の給与・昇給・昇格・役職を決めるのは、「人間的な成長」、「どれだけ人の役に立ったか」の二項目だけ。夫婦喧嘩が遅刻の理由として認められ、「自分の好きなことだけをして下さい」と全従業員に明言する企業が、数年前、沖縄に存在していたことをご存知でしたか？

沖縄県恩納村の老舗リゾート、サンマリーナホテルを取得し経営を引きついだ樋口は、ウォール街仕込みの熱血管理経営を始めるが、沖縄の従業員にしてみれば、オーナーが変わるたびに本土からやって来る、毎度の「ナイチャー経営者」。やがて、組織から完全に浮き上がった「ばか殿」社長が、それまでの経営方針と自分の生き方を完全に覆し、資本主義の常識と正反対の経営を試みる。「企業は人間関係」と定義し、人間関係を最優先する方策を次々と実行。人への思いやりを、事業の手段ではなく、目的にするために、東京本社には内緒で、利益目標、売上進捗管理、人事の成果主義・能力主義を完全に廃し、「いま、愛なら何をしようか？」を企業理念かつ唯一の目的に。

その直後から、顧客満足度が爆発的に上昇し、旅行代理店からは、「最近のサンマリーナはいったい何をしたんですか？」と問い合わせが続き、熱狂した地元住民は手塩にかけて育てた花木をホテルに持ち込む。10年以上実質的に赤字経営だったサンマリーナが、僅が1年足らずで経常利益1.3億円、営業キャッシュフロー2.3億円の超優良会社へといかに変容したか。そして、成功しすぎて、僅か2年で倍の価格で売却されるまでのお話。

## Local Media / News

**World-Wide Hotel Chain Wyndham Hotels Coming to Okinawa** Ryukyu Shimpo, Economy Section, 21 May 2009  
**世界最大級のホテルチェーン、ウィンダム社 沖縄進出を検討** 琉球新報, 経済, 2009年5月21日

The Wyndham Hotel Group International (U.S. Corporation) plan to enter the Okinawan market was announced on 20 May. Wyndham's hotel franchise includes over 7000 hotels, mostly located in foreign markets. Wyndham has signed an agreement with Green Hospitality Management Inc. (GHM, Tokyo) as announced by GHM President Toru Nakadate. The two companies plan to begin operations under the well-known Ramada and Days Inn brands within 5 years in Japan, including Okinawa.

海外を中心に7000以上のホテルをフランチャイズ展開する世界最大級のホテルチェーン・ウィンダムホテルグループインターナショナル(本社・米国)が沖縄進出を検討していることが20日、分かった。国内での開発契約を結んでいるグリーンホスピタリティーマネジメント(GHM、東京)の中舘亨社長らが明らかにした。両社は国内で今後5年以内に、ウィンダム社の代表的ブランド「ラマダ」「デイズイン」を9件以上開発する予定で、沖縄も候補地に入っている。

Please see the following link for the full article (Japanese only):

<http://ryukyushimpo.jp/news/storyid-144826-storytopic-4.html>

## Ryukyu Kings Win Basketball Japan Championship



The American Chamber of Commerce in Okinawa would like to congratulate the Ryukyu Kings for winning the Basketball Japan Championship with a win over Tokyo Apache 89-82 at Ariake Coliseum in Tokyo. Photo Courtesy of Ryukyu Kings

bjリーグ琉球キングスは、有明コロシアムにて東京アパッチとリーグ優勝決定戦を行い、89対82で勝利し、初優勝を飾りました。在沖米国商工会議所はこの度の優勝を祝し、心よりお喜び申し上げます。

写真提供: 琉球キングス

## General Membership Meeting May 1, 2009

2009年(平成21年)5月1日開催定例会

Hawari Habrawi, Program Committee Chairman, Special Events Committee Chairman  
 プログラム委員会委員長・特別行事委員会委員長 ハワリ・ハブラウィ

Mr. Samuel H. Kidder, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, was our guest speaker for the May 1st General Membership Meeting. Mr. Kidder gave a presentation entitled "Where have we been, and where are we going."

Mr. Kidder outlined the priorities and focus of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and how political and economic events effect the Chamber and its membership.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Okinawa would like to thank Mr. Kidder for his presentation.



ACCO President William Kelly and Mr. Samuel H. Kidder

5月定例会では、在日米国商工会議所専務理事 サミュエル・H・キダー氏をお招きし、「ACCJ(在日米国商工会議所)歩みと今後の展望」と題してご講演をいただきました。キダー氏は、在日米国商工会議所の優先事項と焦点、政治経済の動きが在日米国商工会議所と会員に及ぼす影響について概説されました。



ACCO Board of Governors Members greet Mr. Samuel Kidder at a dinner at Laguna Garden Hotel on 30 April.

4月30日、在沖米国商工会議所役員・理事はサミュエル・キダー在日米国商工会議所専務理事を迎えラグナガーデンホテルにて歓迎夕食会を開催。

Photo: Back, From Left, Michael Kelly, Ray Payne, James Pogue, Mike Holland, Gilbert Hoffman, Hawari Habrawi. Front, From Left, Joseph Thompson, Samuel Kidder, William Kelly, Bien Panganiban.

写真後列左より、マイケル・ケリー前会頭、レイ・ペイン理事、ジェームス・ポグ理事、マイク・ホーランド理事、ギルバート・ホフマン前会頭、ハワリ・ハブラウィ理事。写真前列左より、ジョセフ・トンプソン前会頭、サミュエル・キダー在日米国商工会議所専務理事、ウィリアム・ケリー会頭、ビエン・パンガニバン理事

The American Chamber of Commerce in Okinawa welcomed new members Mr. Seishin Komesu (Komesu & Associates), Mr. Erol Miftahittin (Okinawa Marriott Resort & Spa) and Mr. Justin Wentworth (Lloyd & Heinz Ltd.), and presented them each with a certificate of membership.

在沖米国商工会議所は米須 清信氏(コメス エンドアソシエイトズ)、エロール・ミフタヒッテン氏(オキナワマリオットリゾート&スパ)、ジャスティン・ウエントワース氏(ロイド&ハインズ)を新会員として迎えました。ケリー会頭より新会員へ会員証書が授与されました。



ACCO President William Kelly and New Members (From Left) Mr. Seishin Komesu, Mr. Erol Miftahittin and Mr. Justin Wentworth



## 79th Birthday Celebration in a Benefit Piano Recital for Charity and Scholarship

### 79才祝い ピアノリサイタル



Professor Bien S.P. Panganiban and Ambassador and Mrs. Hideki Harashima

Long-time ACCO Member Professor Bien S.P. Panganiban (Ryukyu Classical Academy) recently celebrated his 79th birthday by holding his annual Benefit Piano Recital for Charity and Scholarship, on Sunday, 3 May at the Ashibina Hall (Korinza).

Professor Panganiban awarded three scholarship checks of ¥100,000 (\$1,010) each to the representatives of three local universities that were present. Another \$2,000 will go to scholarships in the Philippines. \$1,000 will go to transportation costs for a Filipino student that was awarded a scholarship at Winthrop University in South Carolina. \$600 will go to an orphanage in Pattaya, Thailand and the remainder will go to local orphanages and shelter homes.

Professor Panganiban extends his heartfelt thanks to all of the contributors whose generosity made this possible.

在沖米国商工会議所の長年の会員である琉球クラシカルアカデミー ビエン・パンガニバン教授は、去る5月3日(日)に沖縄市コリンザ内沖縄市民小劇場あしびなーホールにて、79歳の誕生日を記念して、慈善・奨学金募集ピアノリサイタルを開催しました。

パンガニバン教授は、県内の3大学にそれぞれ十萬円の奨学金を授与。また、二千ドルはフィリピンへの奨学金として、千ドルはサウスカロライナ ウィンスロップ大学の奨学生であるフィリピン人学生への交通費として、六百ドルはタイ パタヤの児童養護施設へ、残余额は県内の児童養護施設や介護施設へ贈られます。

パンガニバン教授は、リサイタルの成功に貢献にしてくださいました寛大な寄贈者の皆様に心より感謝申し上げます。



## May English Land – An Outing to Zoo School – Kodomo-no-Kuni

### 5月イングリッシュランド 沖縄こどもの国

Gordon Bolton, Chair, English in Education Committee

英語教育委員会委員長 ゴードン・ボルトン



English is fun! – a smile says it all

Last month the ACCO English in Education Committee held English Land on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Okinawa City Zoo – Kodomo-no-Kuni.

Thanks to volunteers from Camp Kinser and Kadena Air Base, the event was enjoyed by approximately 75 children, with 2 hours of fun involving a series of English-language games designed to allow the children to experience English-language conversation in a welcoming and positive environment.

On behalf of the ACCO English in Education Committee, I would like to extend sincere thanks to all participants for making English Land such a success. Special thanks to Michael Watson, Naomi O'Hara, Eiko Kinjo, Maiko Ayre, Anthony King, William Kelly, Neal Hambridge, Mike Holland and representatives from Kodomo-No-Kuni Onaga-san & Koki-san.

Upcoming Schedule: English Land, Naha Board of Education, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm

For more information contact the ACCO Office at [chamber@amchamokinawa.org](mailto:chamber@amchamokinawa.org) or call 098-898-5401.

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# Welcome to The Rose Garden

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Dining...

Hours are 8 AM until 12 PM 7 days a week...



## Welcome

We wish to thank you for visiting with us at The Rose Garden. We open every morning at 8:00 am, sometimes a little earlier. We serve breakfast until 5:00 PM.

Our fresh produce begins to arrive at our restaurant in the early morning hours. We purchase only the largest and best eggs that the hens produce. Our eggs are so fresh that you can almost hear the hens cackling. Every morning one of our chefs goes to the butcher to shop for fresh pork that meets our stringent requirements. At the Rose Garden, we make our own lean American country sausages and Italian sausages.

There is nothing better than our delicious pork chops with fresh large eggs and fried green tomatoes. Our farmers are still trying to figure out which comes first, red or green tomatoes. (It is kind of like the chicken or the egg; which comes first?) Did you know that we are the only restaurant in Okinawa that serves fried green tomatoes?

Thick slices of pan-fried ham, lean bacon, country sausage, home fried potatoes and large fresh eggs are great accompaniments with our famous cinnamon French toast. Our French toast is baked from a special secret recipe and served with your choice of preserves such as blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, orange marmalade and black cherry. You may also have it with fresh whipped cream or pure cane syrup. You will love our French toast!

Our Rose Garden is unique in that we make our very own English muffins. To the best of our knowledge, you cannot buy English muffins in a local bakery here on Okinawa, nor do we want to. You have to try our Eggs Benedict served with our English muffins, thick slices of pan-fried ham, large fresh eggs, topped with home made Hollandaise sauce and with fresh sprigs of asparagus on the side. Mama Mia!

Our generous sized omelets are made with three large eggs, mushrooms, Italian peppers, and assorted cheeses. The omelet is accompanied by home fried potatoes, thick slices of toast, fresh creamery butter and preserves of your choice. Our preserves are loaded with fruit and low in sugar content. Enjoy your breakfast with a robust cup of 100% Arabica Colombian hot coffee or a quenching glass of our China Mist Gourmet Iced Tea. Remember breakfast is served until 5 PM.

Our lunch menu starts at 11 AM and goes until 5 PM. In the Rose Garden's relaxed, casual atmosphere you can choose from a menu of assorted dishes such as: pasta, fish, chicken, steaks, beef stew, curries and daily specials. For those who want a quick lunch, our sandwiches are a good bet. Our sandwiches are served with our hot clam chowder or your choice of soup and cold potato salad. And remember, our coffee and tea is served with unlimited refills.

Dinner is served from 5 PM to 11 PM. We prepare our own distinctive soups, sauces, and salad dressings from the freshest of ingredients. At Rose Hill we grow our own herbs for the Rose Garden. We bake our own breads, roast our meats daily, and make our cakes and desserts from scratch. What a home made delight! Our vegetables, which we prepare, come to you exclusively from our finest seasonal local produce.

You can find the freshest local seafood on our menu and for meat lovers we generously cut our own steaks from fresh chilled beef. Your selection includes: Filet Mignon, garlic tenderloin, green pepper tenderloin, sirloins, rib eye steaks and more. Have you ever had a cheese burger steak? You will want to try our Louisiana Gumbo (stew) with large shrimp, chicken, pork sausage and fresh okra. Gumbo comes from our African American Creole language which means "okra".

The delicious homemade soups such as our refined clam chowder Pescara, Italian baked onion soup and Milanese beef minestrone are made fresh by our chefs daily. (We don't believe in can openers.)

In the early morning hours, our bakers are baking our fresh baked desserts for the day. Try our home made apple bread pudding, coconut banana pie with chocolate sauce, or our scrumptious butter pecan coffee cake. Our mouth-watering strawberry English Trifle or Raspberry Brulee "are to die for". A couple of our favorites are the tiramisu Italiano or our Leonardo's cheese cake. This cheese cake will not be found in any market or bakery. It is the finest cheese cake you will ever eat.

Our fresh baked Italian bread comes out of the ovens everyday around 4 PM. You may wish to take some home. A large loaf of our Italian bread is only 198 yen.

As we say in Okinawa... "Mensore" (Welcome to The Rose Garden)

The Rose Garden Staff



## May English Land (continued)

去る5月23日(土)、沖縄こどもの国にてイングリッシュランドが開催されました。

キャンプ・キンザー、嘉手納空軍基地から多数のボランティアが参加。参加した約75名の児童生徒は、英会話が体験できるよう工夫された言語ゲームなどを通し、2時間の楽しい時間を過ごしました。

在沖米商工会議所英語教育委員会を代表し、今回のイングリッシュランドを成功させるためご尽力いただきましたマイケル・ワトソン様、大原 直美様、金城 エイ子様、マイコ・エア様、アントニー・キング様、ウィリアム・ケリー会頭、ニール・ハムブリッジ様、マイク・ホーランド理事、沖縄こどもの国 翁長様、幸喜様に心よりお礼を申し上げます。

次回イングリッシュランドは、6月27日(土)午前10時から午後12時まで、那覇市教育委員会にて開催されます。

お問い合わせは在沖米商工会議所事務局までご連絡ください。 電話：098-898-5401 メール：[chamber@amchamokinawa.org](mailto:chamber@amchamokinawa.org)



Camp Kinser volunteers Michael Watson and Anthony King just about make it out alive during the "Train Game"

## ACCO Hotel Visit

Starting very soon the ACCO plans to offer special hotel visits where our members and their guest(s) can have a nice dinner, tour the rooms, stay



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Jean-Raphael Felus (Left), Hotel Manager of ANA Intercontinental Manza Beach Resort, explains recent upgrades to ACCO members Mike Holland (Right), Tony Sakuda (Middle) and Mickey Weissert (Not Shown).



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New ACCO member Erol Miftahittin (Right), General Manager, escorts ACCO members Tony Sakuda (Left) Mike Holland (Middle) and Mickey Weissert (not shown) on a tour of the Marriott Resort & Spa.

if they want and finish off this great visit with breakfast. All at a very special price just for ACCO members - this is just one of the great member benefits that the ACCO plans to offers its members!!!

The ACCO would like to thank the following people and hotels for participating in this new ACCO program. Erol Miftahittin, General Manager of the Okinawa Marriott Resort & Spa, Jean-Raphael Felus, Hotel Manager of ANA Intercontinental Manza Beach Resort, & Chris Batterham, General Manager of the Okinawa Harborview Crowne Plaza.

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Mike Holland (Left) and Tony Sakuda taste dishes while planning for the upcoming ACCO Chamber Connection at the Okinawa Harborview Crowne Plaza Hotel.