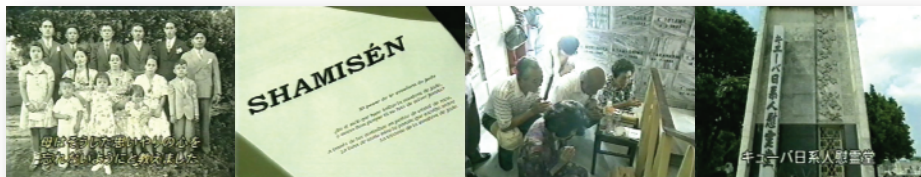




*Cuba Okinawa Imin - Kazoku No Keifu*  
*Okinawan-Cuban Immigration - Family Genealogy*

Nominated for the 2001 Japan Congress of Journalists (JCJ) Prize (Japan's top award for journalistic excellence), this original Okinawa Television Broadcasting Company (OTV) documentary focuses on Benita Eiko Iha, a second-generation Okinawan-Cuban. Her amazing story is not uncommon for the Okinawan immigrant community in Cuba. Benita's parents left Okinawa in the 1920s to seek a better life, leaving five young children behind. At the time, life was rough in Okinawa and many left to foreign lands. The relocation was intended to be a temporary arrangement, however, the Ihas never saved enough money to return to Okinawa. Their new life in Cuba found them living in a small community of Japanese immigrants, many of them fellow Okinawans. Benita's parents started a new family in Cuba, but never forgot their old life. They would share stories of their life in Okinawa with the children.

The documentary chronicles Benita Iha's oral history book on the first generation of Okinawan immigrants to Cuba entitled "Shamisen". As decades have past since the first immigrants arrived, very few Issei are left to tell their tale first hand. Benita enlists the help of an Okinawan student studying in Cuba to translate her book into Japanese so that the story of Okinawan-Cubans may be known to Okinawans in Japan. The climax of the documentary occurs when the translation is completed and is presented to her older brother living in Okinawa, whom she has never met.



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*Owner, Jorge Nakamoto, Uchinanchu)*



*Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007*

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*Place: Wakatay Restaurant (in Pacific Square)*  
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*Happy Hour Menu 7:00pm-8:00pm*

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