

Okinawan Karate Intangible Cultural Asset Holders 1997–2020

Legends of Okinawan martial arts venerated by the Okinawa Prefectural Government

Year	<i>Shorin Ryu (Shuri-Te)</i>	<i>Goju Ryu (Naha-Te)</i>	<i>Uechi Ryu</i>	<i>Kobudo/Kobujutsu</i>
1997	Nagamine Shoshin <i>Matsubayashi Ryu</i>	Yagi Meitoku	Itokasu Seiki	
2000	Nakazato Shugoro <i>Kobayashi Ryu</i> Miyahira Katsuya <i>Shido Kan</i> Nakazato Jyoen <i>Shurinji Ryu</i>	Wakugawa Kosei Koshin Iha	Tomoyose Ryuku	
2013	Ishikawa Seitoku	Hichiya Yoshio Higaonna Morio	Uehara Takenobu	Nakamoto Masahiro <i>Kobudo</i>
2020	Morinobu Maeshiro Seikichi Iha	Masanari Kikugawa	Shintoku Takara Tsutomu Nakahodo	Kotaro Iha <i>Kobujutsu</i>

Karate and Kobudo were recognized as an “Intangible Cultural Property” by the Okinawa Prefecture on August 8, 1997. Since then Okinawa Prefecture designates the status “*Intangible Cultural Assets in the Field of Karate and Kobudo*” to renown masters.

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