

Bank of the Ryukyus History

May 1948	Precursor organization established via Military Government Ordinance No. 1
Jan. 1972	The Bank changed from special public corporation based on Military Government Ordinance to joint-stock corporation based on commercial law, and name changed to Bank of the Ryukyus, Limited
May 1972	Business operating license acquired following Government of the Ryukyu Islands' establishment of the Banking Act, and the Bank changed from a proclamation-based bank to a commercial bank based on the Banking Act
Oct. 1983	Becomes first corporation in Okinawa Prefecture to be listed on the stock market (Tokyo Stock Exchange 2nd Section and Fukuoka Stock Exchange; later listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section in Sep. 1985)
Sep. 1999	Fiscal soundness plan established based on 22.7 billion yen capital increase through third-party allocation and 40.0 billion yen in public financing (unsecured convertible bonds)
Jan. 2006	Judankai joint banking system (for 8 regional banks) launched
Oct. 2006	Bank acquires 34 billion yen of stock from among 40 billion yen of public preferred stock and cancels it
July 2010	Completes repayment of public loans to conclude fiscal soundness plan
Apr. 2015	Okinawa Credit Service Co., Ltd. becomes a consolidated subsidiary of the Bank
Jan. 2017	Begins offering customer services for Bank of the Ryukyus Card affiliates
July 2017	Ryukyu Leasing Co., Ltd. becomes wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank
May 2018	Celebrates 70th anniversary of bank founding
Sep. 2018	Capital increase through 5.6 billion yen public offering
Nov. 2019	Bank of the Ryukyus Group SDG Declaration established
Apr. 2020	SINKA 2020 Mid-Term Management Plan launched
Apr. 2020	The Bank joins the TSUBASA Alliance
Dec. 2020	Headquarters temporarily relocated to Naha Port Bldg.
Jan. 2021	The Bank enters into the Okinawa Economic Revitalization Partnership with The Bank of Okinawa
Apr. 2022	Listed on new "Prime Market" section of Tokyo Stock Exchange

Bank of the Ryukyus was originally established on May 1, 1948 as a special banking organization via the Military Government Ordinance, and the US government provided 51 percent of the capital investment. The Bank was modeled after the US Federal Reserve System and Philippine National Bank, and following its initial founding was operated very much like a central bank.

In the spring of 1972, as part of preparations for Okinawa's return to Japanese sovereignty, the Bank was reorganized as a joint-stock corporation and shares in the organization held by the US government were distributed among Okinawa Prefecture citizens. As of this event, our organization began operating as a commercial bank in Japan, and in 1983 we became the first corporation from Okinawa Prefecture to be listed on the stock market.

As part of measures toward greater asset soundness for the Bank and a stronger corporate financial structure, in September 1999 we implemented a 22.7 billion yen capital increase through third-party allocation and also received 40.0 billion yen in public financing. By July 2010, we completed repayment of all public loans.

Okinawa Credit Service Co., Ltd., which handles credit-card business and personal trust purchasing mediation services, became a consolidated subsidiary of the Bank of the Ryukyus Group in April 2015, and Ryukyu Leasing Co., Ltd., which is engaged in comprehensive leasing operations, became a wholly owned subsidiary in July 2017. These and other such changes were implemented in order to strengthen the Group as a whole, thus ensuring provision of high value to our customers.

We launched our SINKA 2020 Mid-Term Management Plan in April 2020 with the goal of serving as a true leader in the banking industry that supports the local region and contributes toward its development and growth, without being swayed by challenges brought about by economic and business climate changes. To this end, we have actively provided financial support to customers affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Additionally, in April 2020 we joined the TSUBASA Alliance, which is headed up by The Chiba Bank, Ltd., and in January 2021 we signed an agreement to join the Okinawa Economic Revitalization Partnership together with The Bank of Okinawa, Ltd. As regional banks face increasingly tough challenges in their operating environments, Bank of the Ryukyus intends to work in mutual cooperation with other banks in order to revitalize Okinawa's economy and achieve a stronger Group overall.