

Is okinawatimes.co.jp legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 98/100

okinawatimes.co.jp

Verdict

98

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

okinawatimes.co.jp appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official regional news site (Okinawa Times) providing local/regional reporting, subscription access, advertising and user consent controls for personalised ads.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it	CLEAR
	VirusTotal	
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed	CLEAR
	Google	
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports	NOTED
	AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	
Domain age	30 years old	CLEAR
	Registered history	
Web archive	Never archived	WATCH
	No public history of this site	
Certificate	Encrypted connection	NOTED
	Issued by Cybertrust Japan SureServer CA G4	

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the Okinawa Times regional news platform, presenting local and national reporting, opinion columns, sports, culture, subscription services, electronic and print newspaper access, advertising, sponsored content, and related media services. Its apparent business model is that of an established news publisher funded through subscriptions, advertising, and selected paid features.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the available website, identity, reputation, and technical evidence. The homepage identifies the service as Okinawa Times and provides a substantial regional-news offering, while the content review found no phishing indicators, brand-impersonation characteristics, malicious detections, or other page-level red flags. The domain's long registration history is consistent with an established publication, although the real-world operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified. Evidence:

- The homepage presents the Okinawa Times regional newspaper service, with reporting categories, subscription access, company information, and contact functions.
- Page analysis identified no brand-impersonation, phishing, hidden-form, wallet, or malicious-script indicators on the homepage.
- The domain was registered on 1996-07-04 and is approximately 30.12 years old.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents a conventional media-publishing model rather than a financial or other clearly regulated service. Its company-information area describes the publisher's activities, including newspaper delivery, electronic editions, advertising, article-use guidance, and related media services; privacy and consent controls support the stated use of data for personalised advertising. No regulated licence claim or licence number was identified, which is a minor disclosure point if a specific regulated service were ever being assessed, but it is not inconsistent with the site's apparent role as a news publisher. The available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, while independent verification of the operating entity is not complete. Evidence:

- The company-information navigation on the site includes company overview, business activities, advertising information, article-use guidance, and privacy information.
- The homepage identifies the organisation as THE OKINAWA TIMES CO.LTD. in its site title and associated transport certificate.
- The site is hosted on AS2497 through IIJ - Internet Initiative Japan Inc., JP.

- The transport certificate is OV-validated, issued by Cybertrust Japan SureServer CA G4, identifies THE OKINAWA TIMES CO.LTD., and is valid until 2026-12-12.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an institution should independently confirm the publisher’s legal and merchant details through an official corporate or publisher channel, review the applicable subscription terms and cancellation arrangements, and confirm that the payment method provides appropriate dispute and payment-protection controls. Any contact or support channel used for account or billing matters should be cross-checked against the site’s independently confirmed official channels.

EVIDENCE

- The site provides separate paths for member registration, login, newspaper subscription applications, electronic newspaper services, and inquiries.
- Subscription-related services and company information are exposed through the site’s primary navigation rather than an unrelated destination.
- The site states that advertising and consent controls are used for personalised advertising, making the privacy and consent information relevant to any account registration.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or other contradictory signals were observed. The classification supports normal browsing and ordinary site functions, subject to the remaining uncertainty that the real-world operator has not been independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is served directly through IJ - Internet Initiative Japan Inc. in Japan on AS2497, with one resolved hosting address and no detected CDN or WAF layer. This is a conventional, identifiable hosting arrangement and provides useful infrastructure context, but the hosting configuration is a mitigating technical signal rather than proof of operator legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence; account or payment activity should follow independent confirmation of the merchant identity, subscription conditions, and available payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of okinawatimes.co.jp.

- The request stayed on okinawatimes.co.jp. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by d-53.info, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- It is hosted on IIJ, from a server in JP. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	IIJ - Internet Initiative Japan Inc., JP
Country	JP
Server IP	202.238.151.129
Name servers	ns018-0fsjuv7ukontnhnt.0.d-53.info, ns018-0fsjuv7ukontnhnt.0.d-53.jp, ns018-0fsjuv7ukontnhnt.0.d-53.net
SSL issuer	Cybertrust Japan SureServer CA G4
SSL expiry	2026-12-12
Domain age	30.12 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about okinawatimes.co.jp at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.