

仲宗根政善 なかそねせいぜん 1907.4.26～1995.2.14 (明治40年～平成7年)  
方言学者、教育者、平和運動家。沖縄県今帰仁村出身。東京大学文学部卒。  
卒業後は教員となり、沖縄戦ではひめゆり学徒隊の引率教官をする。戦後、琉球大学教授となり、図書館長・副学長を歴任、教育に力を注ぐ。亡くなった教え子達の供養を続け、平和活動にもかかわり続けた。今帰仁をはじめ琉球列島各地の方言を調査・研究、戦後の琉球方言研究の基礎を築いた。

NAKASONE, Seizen (April 26, 1907 – February 14, 1995) was a dialectologist, an educator, and a peace activist, born in Nakigin-Village, Okinawa Prefecture.

After graduating from Literature Department, University of Tokyo, Nakasone became a school teacher. During the battle of Okinawa, he accompanied the Himeyuri (lily) Student Corps. After the war, Nakasone successively held a position as professor, head of the library, and vice president at University of the Ryukyus to concentrate his efforts on education.

He also continued to hold memorial services for his students who died in the war and kept involved in peace activities. Furthermore, Nakasone conducted surveys and researches on dialects of various areas of the Okinawa islands including Nakijin, and built the foundation of the post-war studies of Ryukyuan dialectology.