



Monthly Newsletter

World Karate Organization

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Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

As always, I would like to start my greeting with thanking you for your support and hard work for WKO. The last months have been busy with camps all over the world, and I hope that you all have enjoyed yourselves during the period. Several instructors from Japan have visited many of the camps, and I have heard from them about your hard work. They have also told me that your students are very serious in their training. I am very glad to hear the news, and it is great for us to have such an opportunity to practice with many people from various countries and cultures.

The 40th All Japan Championship is drawing close. This year's tournament is also the final selection for next year's World Cup in Russia, so all competitors are training more intense than usual. I know that there are hard selection tournaments held in all Regions of the world. The Russian Region will need any support they can get from you, because they will be very busy with the preparations for this tournament.

We have three members who became new Branch Chiefs this month: Eric Wan (Hong Kong), Kim Il Nam (Korea) and Luis Gaston Couyet (Argentine). All of them are hard working men and very serious in their Karate Training, so please give them your support whenever needed.

Lastly, here in Japan there is a movement to make Karate an Olympic sport. As you all know, there are so many different Karate styles and organizations. For many years many Karate practitioners have had the wish to get together in one big organization in order to realize this dream, but that is a very difficult task. If you think about the globalization of Karate and about the influence that the Olympic Games have on our society, we ought to think seriously about joining the Olympics. This is not only a matter for WKO, but for everybody who practice Karate. However, as you all know, Sosai Oyama always said that Kyokushin Karate is not a sport but Budo, and this is a fact that never can be changed. It is important for us to find out what can be changed and what cannot be changed. The organization needs to keep up with the times, but, at the same time, we need to care about our history and tradition. I would like to take steps in the right direction, hearing your opinion on this matter and making a correct analysis of our situation. Osu!

Kenji Midori, WKO President



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2. Activities of Japanese instructors (at the date of 26. September omit titles from names)

(1). Kenji Midori, Kazuo Miyoshi
Date: September 23th – October
2nd
Place: Aruba
Purpose: Tournament

(2). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi,
Kazuo Miyoshi, Yasukazu Koi,
Norichika Tsukamoto, Taishi Watanabe,
Kousuke Ishizaki, Norio Hayashida
Date: October 24th – 29th
Place: St-Petersburg, Russia
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(3). Shinichi Sotodate, Yasukazu Koi
Date: October 31st – November
5th
Place: Kazakhstan
Purpose: Tournament

(4). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi
Date: November 13th – 19th
Place: France
Purpose: Events

(5). Keiji Okumura, Taishi Watanabe
Date: November 22nd – 25th
Place: China
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(6). Suzuki Kunihiro
Date: December 1st – 8th
Place: Russia
Purpose: Seminar

(7). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi
Date: December 6th – 10th
Place: Sri Lanka
Purpose: Tournament

(8). Sampei Keiji
Date: December 18th – 22nd
Place: Russia
Purpose: Tournament

1. Information for the 4th World Cup

(1) Number of MEN Fighters from Each Region

WKO Board decided to increase the number of MEN fighters from each region, from 16 fighters to 32 fighters. And also there are some changes of the number of WOMEN fighters from each region. The exact number from each region will be as follows.

TOTAL MEN FIGHTERS: 32

Europe: 6, Russia: 4 (as the host), Asia: 4, Middle East: 2, Africa: 2, South Pacific: 2,
North America: 2, Central America: 2, South America: 2, Japan: 6

TOTAL WOMEN FIGHTERS: 16

Europe: 3, Russia: 2 (as the host), Asia: 2, Middle East: 1, Africa: 1, South Pacific: 1,
North America: 1, Central America: 1, South America: 1, Japan: 3

(2) Selection Tournament for the 4th World Cup

I. Japan Region



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Date: 17th, 18th May, Place: Osaka, Japan

Date: 18th, 19th October, Place: Tokyo, Japan

II. South Pacific Region

Date: 23rd August

Place: Geelong, Australia

III. Central American Region

Date: 27th, 28th September

Place: Aruba

IV. South American Region

Date: 25th October

Place: Uruguay

V. Russian Region

Date: 26th October

Place: St-Petersburg, Russia

VI. North American Region

Date: 22nd, 23rd November

Place: Montreal, Canada

VII. Asian Region

Date: 7th December, Place: Sri Lanka,

Date: 2nd November, Place: Kazakhstan

VIII. Middle Eastern Region

Date: December

Place: Kuwait

(3) Selection Tournament Results/Members

I South Pacific Region

<Men>	<u>1st Place</u>	Light Weight	Yasunari Yahiro (Fighter)
		Middle Weight	Sonny Hoang (Fighter)
		Heavy Weight	Sam Gilbert (Fighter)
	<u>2nd Place</u>	Light Weight	Philip Kim (Fighter)
		Middle Weight	Francois Cointrel (Fighter)
		Heavy Weight	Daniel Trifu (Fighter)
<u>3rd Place</u>	Light Weight	Mujtaba Ashrafi (Reserve)	
	Heavy Weight	Joel Bevan (Reserve)	
<Women>	<u>1st Place</u>	Light Weight	Vanessa Mitchell (Fighter)
		Middle Weight	Mel Mclean (Fighter)
		Heavy Weight	Ayumi Noguchi (Fighter)
	<u>2nd Place</u>	Light Weight	Jenny Lau (Reserve)
		Heavy Weight	Zoom Beck (Reserve)



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- Please notify the WKO Office if the details such as date and place of selection tournaments for the 4th World Cup is fixed in each countries/regions.

2. New Branch Chief (Argentina, China, Korea) (NEW!)

Argentina

Mr Leonardo Rodriguez, the branch chief of Argentina resigned from his post as the branch chief, for personal reasons on June, and the following person was approved as the new branch chief in Argentina.

Mr Luis Gaston Couyet (39 years old, 2nd Dan)

Address: Vera 443, 6to 14 entre Scalabrini Ortiz y Araoz, Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires,
Argentina

TEL: +54-11-485-50451

Email: shinkyokushindojo@gmail.com

China

Mr Eric Yan Fai Wan (43 years old, 2nd Dan)

Address: Block B, 6th Floor, Tak Cheong Building, 30 Yen Chow Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon,
Hong Kong, China

TEL: +852-908-82865, FAX: +852-219-49436

Email: ewan@kyokushin.org.hk

Korea

Mr Kim Il-Nam (32 years old, 2nd Dan)

Address: Geumjeong, Jang Jeon 1 dong 203-6-2F

TEL: +82-051-515-8334

Email: kbcenter@naver.com

3. Resignation of a Branch Chief (Indonesia) (NEW!)

WKO Office received a report from Indonesia which announces that the following 2 branch chiefs of Indonesia resigned as branch chiefs.

Mr Bondan Gunawan

Mr Sutjipto Joe Angga

4. WKO Website



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Visit our renewed website!

<http://www.wko.or.jp/>

We have been working on the improvement of the WKO Website since the end of last year. Therefore, we would like you to send the information of events which you would like to put on the website if you have any. Please provide us the basic information as mentioned below.

1. Events

- 1) Name of the event (Name of the tournament, camp, e.t.c.)
- 2) Date and the place where the event was held
- 3) Host branch
- 4) The number of participants to the event
- 5) List of prize winners (in case of tournament)
- 6) Details about the event (including the impressions by host)
- 7) Photos (Please give an explanation for each photo. About 5 to 10 photos will be put on the website.)

2. News

- 1) Details about the news such as date, place, what happened and by whom, e.t.c.
- 2) Photos

- Please be noticed that your report may not be introduced on the website if the report is recognized as inappropriate to put on the website by WKO Office.

5. ISAMI Dogi

Please contact Ms Hayasaki at ISAMI: Email yuko@isami.co.jp or Fax (81)480-24-0713
For your enquiry, please put "Shinkyokushinkai Dogi" as a subject.

3. Notice from WKO Office

1. WKO Office Contact Information:

- E-mail address:

wko.one@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

.. For Ms. Fumie Matsuno, and for Russia/Asia/N. C. S. Americas/S. Pacific regions

wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

.. For Ms. Kazuko Sato, and for Europe/Middle East/Africa regions

- **Postal Address:** 9-20-2F Shin-ogawamachi Shinjuku-ku Tokyo 162-0814, Japan
- **Telephone Number:** +81-3-3268-1494
- **Fax Number:** +81-3-3268-1495

2. Annual Fees

Payment of 2007 Annual Fees are now PAST DUE!!



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All the Branch Chiefs/Contacts are requested to pay the **Annual Fees** (US\$1 per member) and the **New Member Registration Fees** (US\$5 additional per new member) for 2007 or earlier **immediately**.

Please check Attachment A once again! Those who have not paid the overdue annual fees (2005 – 2007) are highlighted in yellow (printed one is in grey).

If you need invoice from WKO, please kindly contact WKO office.

REQUEST from the WKO office: For those who are paying the annual fees together with other branch(s) in your country, we would appreciate if you could also provide us with the breakdown, the number of members of each branch.

***All Japanese Branches decided to pay US\$4 per member as annual fees from 2008. Please refer to the Attachment-A, as the newest information of increased annual fees from other branches and countries/regions is shown on the list.**

NOTE:

- * **No order for Black Belts and Dan Grading Certificates can be accepted** from those who have not paid the annual membership fees.
- * **You will NOT get the financial support from the World Championship organizer** unless you pay the applicable annual fees.

We accept your annual fees and other payments through one of the followings:

(Please do NOT use any other methods such as bank checks or cash. Cash payment with exact amount may be acceptable only when you are in Japan.)

- **Bank transfer**

Has to be “WKO” only. Do not put anything after the name, please.

Account name: WKO Account number: 0848604 Name of the bank: Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Kagurazaka Branch
Address of the bank: 3-7 Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-0825, Japan
Their SWIFT code: BOTKJPJT

- Please add US\$15 when you remit money because Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi charges us 1,500 yen every time we acknowledge the remittance.
- Please avoid a bank that uses the third bank, which may deduct US\$20-25 from your remittance.

- **Western Union International Money Transfer Service (CHANGE)**

For further information, please visit at <http://www.westernunion.com/info/siteMap.asp>



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Please note the change!

Pay to: Mr. Yasukazu Koi
(Please inform us of the “Money Transfer Control No.” and the sender’s name.)

- **International Postal Money Orders (issued by the post office)**

This is different from “International Money Order” issued by a bank, which we cannot accept.

Pay to: NPO World Karate Organization Shinkyokushinkai

③ . Various Forms

The WKO Office would like the Branch Chiefs and Contacts to use the designated form when they contact us. We have:

- Order and Payment Form (for payment of grading fees, annual fees, membership fees)
- WKO Official Invitation Letter Form (for inviting Japanese instructors)
- Request Form for Invitation Letter (for whom needs Visa to enter Japan)
- Application Form for a Candidate of new Branch Chief & Contact

Though we understand that some Branches/Countries have their own way, the forms helped us to do administrative work efficiently. We appreciate your kind understanding in the matter.

④ . Students from abroad to Japan (NEW!)

When your student(s) come to Japan for training, please contact WKO Office first. Most of the Japanese Branch Chiefs prefer receiving a request from overseas Branch Chiefs officially, rather than letting their students talk directly to the overseas students. We are thanking you for your kind understanding in advance.

6. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of September 26, 2008

- See Attachment A-