



# Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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### 1. Message from WKO President

Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

Firstly, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you for the hard work that you are carrying out for our organization, WKO. It is very encouraging to receive information from you about tournaments, camps, seminars and other activities. □ When receiving such information, I feel that I myself have to work even harder, so I would like to thank you for the energy that you give me.

April 26<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of Sosai's death. For us, Kyokushin Karate-ka, this day is one of the most important days of the year. What were your thoughts this day? □ I visited Sosai's grave at the Gokokuji Temple, as the representative of all WKO Branch Chiefs. This year, the weather was a little bit cloudy. While cleaning up the grave stone, my thoughts went to Sosai; his smile, his training, the sharp and sometimes hard words that he passed on to us when teaching, and also many other thoughts went through my mind. Already 14 years have passed since his death. Only thanks to Sosai, we can still continue our Karate Training, and thanks to him we are fortunate to have made friends all over the world. In front of the grave, I made a silent prayer "Please rest in peace. Together with the Branch Chiefs all over the world, we will make WKO the biggest and strongest organization of all". So let's continue to be loyal to Sosai, and continue our daily training and hard work.

The selections for the 4<sup>th</sup> World Cup have now started. Here in Japan, the first selection tournament will be held this month. Norichika Tsukamoto who fought in the last World Championship and all the other fighters are training very hard. I know that it is the same for all fighters in the other Regions as well. I hope all competitors will continue the hard training with only one goal: to be selected to fight in Russia next year. If you don't give up,



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your dream will definitely come true. But a dream will not come true without a strong will and hard work, so it is up to you. I wish all of you good luck!

Lastly, I have some good news for you. In this August, a new tournament, called The Karate Dream Cup, will be held here in Tokyo at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium. This tournament will have many divisions, for both Juniors and Seniors. I believe that we could call this tournament a “Dream Festival”. Already, we have received inquiries from overseas about participating in this tournament, and I hope and believe that this tournament will soon become a big international event, a “Dream Event” for everyone! I also hope that many of you will come to participate in this event. It would be great if this could become an event to which children from all over the world could join. Please find more information on page 5 in this Newsletter.

The WKO is steadily heading towards the future, with big dreams that nobody could stop. Together with you all, your hard work and spirit, we will make WKO a great organization!

Osu!

Kenji Midori,  
WKO President



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### 2. Activities of Japanese instructors (at the date of 28. April, omit titles from names)

(1). Kenji Midori, Kazuo Miyoshi,  
Takayuki Tsukagoshi, Yasukazu Koi,  
Norio Hayashida, Kosuke Ishizaki  
Date: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Bulgaria  
Purpose: European Championship

(2). Kensaku Yamamoto  
Date: June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Russia  
Purpose: Seminar

(3). Yasukazu Koi  
Date: June 22<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Canada  
Purpose: Seminar

(4). Kazuo Miyoshi, Shinichi Sotodate  
Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Kazakhstan  
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar,  
Dan Test

(5). Keiji Sampei  
Date: June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Denmark  
Purpose: Camp

(6). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi  
Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Norway  
Purpose: Camp

(7). Yoshitaka Sato  
Date: June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Place: Netherlands  
Purpose: Camp

(8). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi  
Date: June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Greece  
Purpose: Camp

(9). Keiji Sampei, Keiji Okumura,  
Norichika Tsukamoto  
Date: June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Bulgaria  
Purpose: Camp

(10). Shinji Sakamoto  
Date: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Spain  
Purpose: Camp

(11). Kenta Mori  
Date: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Bulgaria  
Purpose: Camp

(12). Norichika Tsukamoto  
Date: July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Mauritius  
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar,  
Dan Test



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(13). Kenji Midori

Date: August 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Switzerland  
Purpose: Camp

(14). Keiji Sampei, Kunihiro Suzuki

Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Russia  
Purpose: Camp

(15). Yasukazu Koi

Date: August 22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Indonesia  
Purpose: Tournament

(16). Isao Kobayashi, Yasukazu Koi

Date: August 26<sup>th</sup> – September  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Place: South Africa  
Purpose: Tournament, Referee  
seminar,

(17). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi

Date: September 23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Aruba  
Purpose: Tournament

(18). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi,  
Norichika Tsukamoto, Taishi Watanabe

Date: October 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Place: St-Petersburg, Russia  
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(19). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: November 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Place: France  
Purpose: Events

(20). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Sri Lanka  
Purpose: Tournament

### 1. Additional Information of WKO Grading Examination (NEW!)

In addition to the 37 Branch Chiefs listed in the April issue of our newsletter, the following three Branch Chiefs were promoted by recommendation with the decision of WKO Board and Grading Committee Members.

Mr Jacek Baranowski (Poland) 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

Mr Luc Vandecraen (Belgium) 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

Mr Chirila Alexandru (Romania) 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan

### 2. Announcement of Resignation (NEW!)

Mamoru Kaneko, the former branch chief of Saitama-Chuo Branch in Japanese Region, has resigned from WKO Shinkyokushinkai as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.



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### 3. Information for the 4<sup>th</sup> World Cup

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#### (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 4<sup>th</sup> World Cup

##### I. Japan Region

Date: 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> May, Place: Osaka, Japan

Date: 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> October, Place: Tokyo, Japan

##### II. South Pacific Region

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Place: Geelong, Australia

##### III. Central American Region

Date: 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September

Place: Aruba

##### IV. South American Region

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October

Place: Uruguay

##### V. Russian Region

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October

Place: St-Petersburg, Russia

##### VI. North American Region

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Place: Montreal, Canada

##### VII. Asian Region

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Place: Sri Lanka

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



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### 4. Karate Dream Cup 2008 (NEW!)

Karate Dream Cup 2008, combining All Japan Junior Tournament and All Japan Senior Tournament will be held in Tokyo this August. If you would like to participate in the tournament, please contact WKO office for further information. The necessary documents including application form will be sent to you separately after your contact.

Applications will be accepted until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

### 5. WKO Website

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.

### 6. ISAMI Dogi

Please contact Ms Hayasaki at ISAMI: Email [yuko@isami.co.jp](mailto: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



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### 1. WKO Office Contact Information:

- E-mail address:

[wko.one@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp](mailto: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](mailto: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!!**

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.)



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## • **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>

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 □ Holiday in WKO Office (NEW!)

WKO office will be closed from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May for National holiday. Please contact us early in case you have any urgent matter.



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## 7. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of March 28, 2008

- See Attachment A-

## 8. Worldwide Calendar

- See Attachment B -