



# Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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### 1. Message from WKO President

Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

Firstly, I would like to send my prayers to all of the victims by the big earthquake in China this May. I also wish from my heart that those who are still waiting to be rescued will be found and taken care of. The pictures we can see through the media here are so tragic, especially to watch small children crying is unbearable. Please send your prayers to the victims and the area with the kiai from your daily training. Our policies are “International Communication”, “Social Contribution” and “Youth Education”, and I would like to thank you all once again for you constant hard work for the WKO.

Here in Japan we will soon enter the Rainy Season. Due to the rain, we spend quite a lot of time inside, but that gives us a chance to stop a while and go over a variety of thing in our mind.

Here in Japan, the first selection to the 4<sup>th</sup> Karate World Cup was made at the All Japan Weight Division Tournament, which was held a couple of weeks ago. At this tournament, we could see many young fighters coming up, showing their skill and power. I look forward to seeing them in battle with the World’s top fighters at the World Cup next year.

Further, I have just come back from Bulgaria where the European Championship took place. The level of the fighters was very high, but it was not surprising at all, because top fighters like Donatas, Valeri, and Veronika were all brought up in this area. We could also see interesting fights by the Juniors, which makes the future of the WKO look bright and full with hope. In the coming summer, I will visit several countries, and I am really looking forward to meeting with the members, and seeing their training, activities, and the level of Karate.



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Last year, I felt something were missing - something very important - though we are working for the growth of Karate-Do in the World, and I know that I need to remind you that Karate is not basically a Sport, but Budo. Karate-Do starts and ends with a good etiquette. The place where you practice is the Dojo. A Dojo is a place of respect and gratefulness. A Karate-Ka should always respect his/her Sensei, he/she should be grateful to his/her Karate friends, and he/she must never forget modesty, and, when necessary, he/she should be brave and strong and act like a Samurai. The stronger you become, the gentler you should be.

For example, at a tournament, it means that competitors must always obey the referees and judges. Both fighters will fight with all their skills and power on the mat. Since it is a competition, the referees will decide the winner. Whatever happens, you must never forget to show respect for your opponent. If any of you have students that would show his/her happiness for the victory with their fists in the air jumping up and down, then I really want you to teach these students about what true Budo is. This also applies to the audience watching the tournament. It makes me very angry to hear booing from the audience. Of course not every audience is Karate-Ka and, if they do not know about Budo, you cannot fully control them. However, if you have students who behave badly as a spectator, their bad manner is not acceptable. I hope that all Branch Chiefs will work so that there will be no such misbehavior from our students. If the students acts with a heart of a true Budo-Ka, the other people in the audience and the fans will automatically follow, and the bad manners will disappear from the WKO Tournaments.

As I always mention to you, the WKO is OUR organization, so it is up to US to make this organization better!

Osu!

Kenji Midori,  
WKO President



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

(1). Kensaku Yamamoto

Date: June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Russia  
Purpose: Seminar

(2). Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 22<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Canada  
Purpose: Seminar

(3). Kazuo Miyoshi, Shinichi Sotodate,  
Norio Hayashida, Fumie Matsuno

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Kazakhstan  
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar,  
Dan Test

(4). Keiji Sampei

Date: June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Denmark  
Purpose: Camp

(5). Kenji Midori, Keiji Okumura,  
Shohei Yamano, Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Norway  
Purpose: Camp

(6). Yoshitaka Sato

Date: June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Place: Netherlands  
Purpose: Camp

(7). Kenji Midori, Kazuo Miyoshi, Shinichi  
Sotodate, Shohei Yamano, Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Greece  
Purpose: Camp

(8). Keiji Sampei, Keiji Okumura,  
Norichika Tsukamoto

Date: June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Bulgaria  
Purpose: Camp

(9). Shinji Sakamoto

Date: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Spain  
Purpose: Camp

(10). Kenta Mori

Date: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Bulgaria  
Purpose: Camp

(11). Norichika Tsukamoto

Date: July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Mauritius  
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar,  
Dan Test

(12). Kenji Midori

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



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(13). Keiji Sampei, Kunihiro Suzuki  
Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Russia  
Purpose: Camp

(14). Yasukazu Koi  
Date: August 22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Indonesia  
Purpose: Tournament

(15). Isao Kobayashi, Yasuharu Fujihara,  
Yasukazu Koi  
Date: August 26<sup>th</sup> – September  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Place: South Africa  
Purpose: Tournament, Referee  
seminar,

(16). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi  
Date: September 23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Aruba  
Purpose: Tournament

(17). 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

(18). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi  
Date: November 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Place: France  
Purpose: Events

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

### 1. New Branch Chief of Japan and Norway (NEW!)

- Japan

Yasushi Cyokyu (41 years old, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan with 118 members)

- Norway

Ole Grejs (48 years old, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan)

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

#### (1) Number of MEN Fighters from Each Region

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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



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### (2) Selection Tournaments Results/Members (NEW!)

As a result of 25<sup>th</sup> All Japan Weight Division Tournament which was held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May in Osaka, Japan, the following 9 persons have been selected as fighters to represent Japan.

#### **MEN**

“Light Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shohei Yamano

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hirokazu Iwahara

“Middle Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kazuhito Yamada

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kazufumi Shimamoto

“Heavy Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Naohiro Nomoto

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Taishi Watanabe

#### **WOMEN**

“Light Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nozomi Kanemitsu

“Middle Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Misaki Sato

“Heavy Weight”

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emi Shoguchi

### (3) 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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### 3. 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.

### 4. ISAMI Dogi

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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

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- 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.)

- **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.



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- **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.

## 5. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of May 28, 2008

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- See Attachment A-