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Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your hard work for our organization. How was your summer? I assume that many of you have been spending much time watching the Olympic Games in Beijing. The Olympic Games with top athletes from all over the world have given us many great memories, and I admire all competitors for their efforts and hard work.

Here in Japan, the Karate Dream Cup 2008 was held on August 9th, 10th. This was the first time for this tournament, and I am happy to inform you that it was a great success. 976 competitors from age 4 to age 76 participated in this event. We had also overseas competitors from four countries, and in the Men's Division for age 50 and over (heavy weight) a Russian fighter showed a great fighting spirit, and won this division. Congratulations! I think that the last phrase of the Dojo-Kun contains everything that need to be said: *"All our lives, through the discipline of karate, we will seek to fulfill the true meaning of the Kyokushin way"*. This tournament will be held in August every year, and we look forward to seeing more competitors from overseas.

There is only one year left to the Karate World Cup and I know that selection tournaments are held all over the world in our different Regions. I hope that all competitors are training hard, do not waste any moment, but do whatever you can to take a place in the team that will represent your Region. It is an honor to represent your region in this tournament, and any competitor is given the chance to become a member of this team. But it will be only those who have trained hardest that will manage to make this chance reality. It is important that you believe in yourself and take care of the opportunity that you have been given.

In Japan, the last selection will be done at the 40th All Japan Tournament, which will be held



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in October. We are already looking forward to having a next year, to see all these strong and skillful fighters who will show the world the greatness of Kyokushin Karate.

The Russian Region will have a hectic year, with much hard work in order to prepare for this tournament. I wish you good luck in your work, and I hope that all Branch Chief in this Region will work close together to make this event successful. And of course, I ask all of you, Branch Chiefs outside Russia, to cooperate with the organizer as much as possible to make their work easier.

Lastly, I visited some overseas camps in August, and I enjoyed training with everybody. It is always a great experience to train together with people from different countries, to be together and see everybody so concentrated on each technique. At that moment, nationality or culture does not matter at all, we are all focused on the same thing; our training. And through our Karate Training we become one.

Please take care of your health, and continue your Karate Training, which will lead you to a happy and fruitful life.

Osu!

Kenji Midori,
WKO President



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

(1). Isao Kobayashi, Yasuharu Fujihara,
Yasukazu Koi
Date: August 26th – September
2nd
Place: South Africa
Purpose: Tournament, Referee
seminar,
Grading

(2). Syuichiro Tada, Ryutaro Hirayama
Date: August 30th – September
2nd
Place: Korea
Purpose: Grading, Seminar

(3). Kenji Midori, Kazuo Miyoshi
Date: September 23th – 30th
Place: Aruba
Purpose: Tournament

(4). 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

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

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

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

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



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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

- 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. Leaving of a Branch Chief (Germany) (NEW!)

Mr Ingo Freier left WKO.

WKO Office received E-mail from Mr Wolfgang Pech about Mr Ingo Freier's leaving the organization on 31 July 2008. Please delete Mr Freier from your mailing list.

3. 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.)



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- 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

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!!

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.



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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>

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



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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 August 28, 2008

- See Attachment A-