



Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

Greetings

I hope you are all doing well.

I am very glad to receive correspondence from so many of you in which you give reports of your activities and work for our organization. Thanks to your hard work, our organization is growing! Thank you so much. We are steadily heading towards our goal to become the largest and the strongest Budo Organization in the world. Your work gives inspiration and motivation to many other people, and I personally will also make even stronger efforts in my work for the organization.

In two years, the 10th World Championship will be held, and I believe that a lot of your work is focused on this Championship. The fact that it will be the 10th World Championship shows that our organization has a long history behind us, already half a century has passed since Sosai Oyama created Oyama Dojo, predecessor to the Kyokushinkaikan.

I know that those of you, who are experienced in organization tournaments, are well aware of what a heavy task it is to organize such an event. In order to make a tournament successful, the cooperation and support of many people are necessary. The tournament must be attractive to people so that they are willing to buy a ticket, it must also be attractive to companies that may be potential sponsors. It must also be an event that is interesting enough for mass media to write and report about. Further we must not forget staffs that are working voluntarily to support and assist the organizing committee, many of them are young Karate-ka dreaming about one day becoming a fighter in the tournament. It is important that the fighters in such a big event, do not forget to be grateful to all these people involved, and train hard in order to make a top performance at the day of the tournament.

Here in Japan the 41st All Japan Tournament is getting closer. The main sponsor of this tournament is the company, Amway, and the tournament will be broadcasted by the National TV network. All this is an indication of a success for the upcoming World Championship as well. I am very grateful to everybody who is helping us in our work, and I hope to make our 10th World Championship the best tournament ever.

In the beginning of the greeting, I mentioned about our goal to become the largest and strongest Budo Organization in the world, this goal is not easy to fulfill. This goal cannot be reached by a single person's work,



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the cooperation and support of all of you is necessary, and we all need to focus on our daily work and obligations to step by step build up our organization. Our daily efforts will in the end result in something very big, so let's not give up! Let's continue our Way and our hard work!

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Kenji Midori
President
WKO



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2. Activities of Japanese instructors (from October 09 omit titles from names)

(1). <u>Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi</u> Date: October 23 rd – 26 th Place: Switzerland Purpose: Tournament	(2). <u>Yasukazu Koi</u> Date: October 29 th – November 3 rd Place: Pakistan Purpose: Tournament, Seminar
(3). <u>Kensaku Yamamoto, Yasukazu Koi</u> Date: November 7 th – 11 th Place: Kuwait Purpose: Seminar	(4). <u>Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi, Keiji Sampei, Yasukazu Koi</u> Date: November 18 th – 23 th Place: Belgium Purpose: Tournament, Seminar
(5). <u>Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi</u> Date: December 10 th – 12 th (TBD) Place: Israel Purpose: Tournament, Seminar	

1. New Branch Chief in Ukraine (NEW!)

Ukraine

Oleksandr Korol □ 46 years old □ 3rd Dan □

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2. 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



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- 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.

3. 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

wko.shinkyokushinkai@hotmail.co.jp

.. For Mr. Hiroshi Tanaka

- 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 2009 Annual Fees was due MARCH 2009.

All the Branch Chiefs/Contacts are requested to pay the **Annual Fees** (at least US\$1 per member) and the **New Member Registration Fees** (US\$5 additional per new member) for 2009 earlier.

Please check Attachment A once again! Those who have not paid the overdue annual fees (2006 – 2009) are highlighted in orange (printed one is in gray).

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.



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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**

- **Please note that this service is not available. Please make remittance by Bank Transfer.**
- **We would like to know if there are better ways of sending money. Please give us your suggestions.**

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 Invitation of Japanese Instructors

The WKO office receives numerous invitations for Japanese instructors every year. Standard procedure calls for the Official Invitation Letter to be sent to the WKO Office with the necessary information filled in. The invitation



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becomes official only when the letter arrives at the WKO Office. Please refrain from direct negotiations with Japanese instructors, for it will only lead to problems in the future. Finally, we would like for all to understand that an agreement based on direct negotiations will not be considered an official invitation.

4. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of September 30, 2009

- See Attachment A-