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Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts,

We have reached the last month of the year, and I hope that you all have had a good year, 2009. As to our organization this has been a very successful year, especially considering the great success of the World Cup in Russia. However, there is still one month left of the year, and there is still work to do, so let's keep up the work all year out.

2009 has been a busy year for the Japanese instructors, they have been visiting many of our affiliated countries, and again, through our Karate, new friendship has been made throughout the world. I myself have also been invited to many countries; however, unfortunately, I haven't been able to accept all your invitations. I hope I will be able to visit all of you in the near future.

I had the opportunity to visit Belgium a couple of weeks ago, to attend the Diamond Cup. I met with not only the Branch Chiefs in Belgium but also with many other Branch Chiefs and other people from all over Europe. As always there is never enough time to meet and sit down and talk about our dreams and other things, but I felt that we have a great collaboration and relationship with Europe, and my intention is to establish the same kind of relationship with all regions in the world.

As you know our organization is managed on a 4 year period, and this year will end the first two years of this period. In 2011 the 10th World Championship is coming up, which of course will be a major anniversary and event. We are continuing to head toward our goal to become the Largest Budo Organization in the World, and I believe that this 10th World Championship will be a very important step for us. At this moment many strong fighters all over the world are training with this Championship as their final goal, I want you all to take care of every day and every moment, do not waste any time, but continue to work towards your goal and the honor of the World Champion. For the competitors, the instructors are playing a major role and I hope that our entire world's Branches build up a good team work between the instructors and fighters; together you will reach your goal. Here



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in Japan, we are putting a lot of effort into bringing up the next fighting generation. In order to reach our goal to become the “Largest and Strongest” we need to secure the level of the coming generations, and I hope and am sure that you too, in your countries are also working on building up tomorrow’s fighters.

The world is continuing to face problems worldwide, there is still an increase of crimes as well as natural disasters, and the world economy is still struggling and so on. I believe that now, more than ever, it is important to train ourselves so that we can see the difference between right and wrong, and to be a person that can see what is really true. In Japan we can see an increase of suicides. There is a Japanese teaching that says “Shichuu ni katsu wo motomeyo” and it means whatever problems you are facing, no matter the hard time you are having, you should always try to overcome the situation by using all your strength, although it may seem to be meaningless. I believe that we Karate-ka, are training ourselves to maintain a strong spirit, and through our hard training, we also build up a kind heart, and we must never forget to not think only about ourselves, but always try to help others, and contribute to the society we are living in.

While thinking back of this year, I feel a true joy, when thinking of all our friends all over the world, and I am so grateful towards Sosai Masutatsu Oyama, who gave this opportunity to us. This is nothing that can be bought by money, we have built up a true and sincere friendship which is worth much more than money can buy, and we should continue to share this joy with more and more people, by letting more people into our organization. Today we have members in 75 countries but I hope that we soon will reach the number of 100 countries, make friends that truly want to share the Way with us. The Way we are pursuing is the True Way.

I hope you will enjoy this last month of the year!

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Kenji Midori
President
WKO



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

(1). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi
 Date: December 9th – 15th
 Place: Israel
 Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(2). Keiji Sampei
 Date: December 17th – 22th
 Place: Ukraine
 Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(3). Shinji Sakamoto
 Date: February 17th – 21st
 Place: Switzerland
 Purpose: Seminar

(4). Norichika Tsukamoto
 Date: March 9th – 15st
 Place: Belgium
 Purpose: Tournament, Dan Grading

1. WKO Dan Grading Examination 2010

WKO Dan Grading Examination will be held as follows:

Place: At So-honbu Dojo in Tokyo, Japan

Date: Sunday 7 March, 2010.

*A training session will be held on Saturday 6 March for exam participants who wish to attend.

Participation Cost: 10,000[□] (ten thousand) Japanese Yen

□ Please make the payment at the WKO Office on arrival.

□ Please be aware that participants who pass the exam will be required to make the payment for their black belt and certificate, which will be separate from the participation cost.

Deadline of the application: Friday 29 January, 2010.

(Please apply as soon as you can, if you need VISA to enter Japan.)

Grading Category:

First Exam <Kihon, Ido, Strength, Flexibility, and etc.>
 <Kata>

Dan of Grading	Kata Category
1 st Dan	Pin-an 1□ 5, Tsuki no Kata, Sanchin, Saiha, Yantsu, Tensho
2 nd Dan	All the above Kata and Gekisaidai, Gekisaisho, Garyu
3 rd Dan	All the above Kata and Seienchin, Seipai
4 th Dan	All the above Kata, and Kanku
5 th Dan	All the above Kata, and Sushiho

*Pin-an Ura will not be included in the Kata Category. Also, please confirm that each participant will be required to perform the Kata of their choice alone.



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Second Exam (Participants who are not able to pass the First Exam will not be included)

<Kumite> Regardless of age and Dan of Grading, all participants will do kumite with 10 consecutive people.

If you and/or your members would like to take part in the exam, please fill out **Attachment B** and send it to the WKO Office: Mr. Tanaka (E-mail: wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp , Fax: 81-3-3268-1495).

2. Annual Report 2009

Please refer to Attachment C for details.

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.)
- 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.

Please contact Ms Hayasaki at ISAMI: Email yuko@isami.co.jp or Fax (81)480-24-0713

4. ISAMI Dogi

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. Aya Suzuki, and for Russia/Asia/N. C. S. Americas/S. Pacific regions

wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp



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.. For Mr. Hiroshi Tanaka, 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 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.

W 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**

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

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

- Please add US\$15 when you remit money because Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi charges us 1,500 yen



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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 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.

5. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of November 30, 2009

- See Attachment A-