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1. Message from WKO President

Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts,

The date for the 10th World Championship, the Karate Olympics which is held every four years, has been set for October 22nd-23rd, 2011. Time flies very fast, and counting from this autumn, three years have already passed since the last World Championship. Here in Japan, the selections for the World Championship will start at the 42nd All Japan Championship this autumn, and I know that the same severe selections will start in each region and each country all over the world. Please be sure to send the strongest of the strongest to this tournament. Let's all together create a true World Championship, by gathering the top fighters from all over the world.

I recently visited Kazakhstan to attend the Astana Cup, and during that time, I was able to meet with Sensei Dolph Lundgren (Sweden Branch), whom I had not seen for a long time. He happened to be in Kazakhstan for a film festival held at the same period, and despite of his tight schedule, managed to make the necessary arrangements so he could assist in the training of fighters in Kazakhstan, as well as attend the Astana Cup as a special guest. As you know, Sensei Lundgren is a world famous actor. Despite of his extremely busy schedule, he still shows a great dedication to the further spread of Kyokushin Karate, and I was very impressed to see him, still extremely fit, in his dogi training and teaching Karate. By looking at him, I felt strongly that a person, who has followed the Path of Kyokushin Karate, will be successful regardless of the path he chooses. Sensei Lundgren has accepted to come to next year's World Championship to make a demonstration at the tournament. I am very grateful that he, despite of his busy schedule, will dedicate his valuable time to come to Japan. Thank you very much.

Further, in the Japan region, in order to promote Karate as a new category in the Olympic Games, as a first step we are working to build up a stronger relationship with the JOC (Japan Olympic Committee). We have in July joined the "Japan Martial Arts Games Association", which has the Japan Wrestling Federation, a member of the JOC, as its parent organization. The Japan Martial Arts Games Association is an organization that is working hard to increase the number of Martial Art categories in the Olympic Games, and already they have managed to get



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several styles accepted. In order to have Karate accepted as a category in the Olympics, it is necessary to unify the Karate world, and to do this, the unity of Full-Contact Karate is vital. This is a more difficult path than you could all imagine. The earliest this goal could be realized will be the year 2020 or perhaps, even 2024. Why then, did we make the decision to take this path at last year's General Assembly? I strongly believe that for us, the hard path is the path we should follow, and that this is the ideal path for us. Miracles do not happen to us, we have to make them happen. We have to continue to move forward in our dream of achieving our goal, with the future, not the past, clearly in sight. Together with all the friends we have now in our WKO, I strongly believe we will be able to make this dream come true. I also hope that you all will continue your work and activities in your country, with the Olympic Games in your mind.

The other day, the So-Honbu Summercamp was held, with around 300 participants, including Karate students from Russia, and we had the privilege of solely focusing ourselves on Karate. It was as always, a great experience to spend day and night together with special friends, through Karate, which we very much love. It was very fun. I was also very much impressed by the strong spirit of the Russian students, especially in their eagerness to learn. I am sure that we will see them perform at a very high level in future International Tournaments. Their spirit and their passion for Karate, was a great learning experience for everybody who participated in the Camp. I hope that they will make the best of their experience in Japan.

Lastly, The Karate Dream Cup 2010 is to be held very soon, and we are looking forward to have overseas competitors participate in the tournament. I hope that you will have a safe trip to Japan, and that you will be able to demonstrate the result of your hard training. There will be 1,360 participants in this large scale tournament, and we are now carrying out the final preparations. As always, I am sure that this tournament will offer us various kinds of "dramas", and to the competitors who play the main role, I hope they will work hard in their last training sessions, and make sure to leave no regrets on tournament day. Let us all unite, and move forward towards the development of a wonderful organization.

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Kenji Midori
President
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2. Activities of Japanese instructors (from August 10 omit titles from names)

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| <p>(1). <u>Shinichi Sotodate</u>
 Date: July 27th – August 5th
 Place: Spain
 Purpose: Camp</p> | <p>(2). <u>Shinichi Sotodate</u>
 Date: August 5th – 12th
 Place: Switzerland
 Purpose: Seminar, Dan Grading</p> |
| <p>(3). <u>Keiji Sampei</u>
 Date: August 20th – 26th
 Place: Russia
 Purpose: Seminar</p> | <p>(4). <u>Kenji Midori, Kazuo Miyoshi, Yasuharu Fujihara, Norichika Tsukamoto, Yasukazu Koi</u>
 Date: Aug 27th – 31st
 Place: Poland
 Purpose: Camp</p> |
| <p>(5). <u>Tadashi Ishihara</u>
 Date: October 20th – 24th
 Place: Kuwait
 Purpose: Camp</p> | <p>(6). <u>Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi</u>
 Date: October 21st – 26th
 Place: Russia
 Purpose: Tournament</p> |
| <p>(7). <u>Shinichi Sotodate</u>
 Date: November 3rd – 14th (TBD)
 Place: Australia
 Purpose: Camp</p> | <p>(8). <u>Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi</u>
 Date: November 18th – 25th
 Place: Argentina
 Purpose: Tournament, Seminar ,
 Dan Grading</p> |

1. Date of the 10th World Championship & International Seminar (NEW!)

The official dates of the 10th World Championship and the International Seminar in 2011 will be as follows.

10th World Championship- October 22nd-23rd (Saturday & Sunday)

WKO General Assembly- October 24th (Monday)

Place: Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium

International Seminar-October 25th-27th (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Place: Fuji-Midori no Kyuka Mura

Further details will be announced in coming Newsletters.

Please use this opportunity to once again confirm your Annual Fee payment status, which will need to be all complete in order to get financial support from the organizer.

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.



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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.

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

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

wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

.. 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 2010 Annual Fees was due MARCH 2010.

All the Branch Chiefs/Contacts are requested to pay the **Annual Fees** (US\$1~\$4 per member) based on the number of members they have reported to the WKO Office on their Annual Report 2009, which was due Jan. 31st, 2010.

Please check Attachment A once again! Those who have not paid the overdue annual fees (2007 – 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)



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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\$5 per member as annual fees from 2010. 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.
- * Your Fighters will NOT get the financial support for participation 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**

- **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



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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. Acceptance of Students from Overseas Branches

Every year, numerous students from overseas branches visit Japan for the purpose of training. When a student wishes to visit Japan for training, standard procedure calls for the Branch Chief or Contact (who the student belongs to) to contact the WKO Office of the ideal time frame, dojo, and detailed information (name, dan/kyu, age, etc.) of the student. The WKO Office will confirm the content of the request with the Branch Chief/Contact of the dojo in Japan. In a case where an overseas student goes forth with his/her training in Japan without consulting the WKO Office, it would delay the response time of the WKO Office if an emergency happened to occur. To assure the safety of the students, we ask for everyone's cooperation in this matter.

⑥. Centralization of communication between Overseas Branches

It is required that communication (related to events within the organization) between Overseas Branches and Japanese Branch Chiefs & Contacts be exchanged through the WKO Office. Translation of documents (Japanese↔English) will also be managed by the WKO Office. In order to avoid any unnecessary problems and confusion, we ask for everyone's cooperation in the centralization of communication between overseas branches.

4. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of July 30, 2010

- See Attachment A-