



Featured News

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition

Location: Tokyo, Japan
 Date: 22 May

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Spring Japan Seminar

Location: Tokyo, Japan
 Date: 06 March

2016 Kokusai Budoin IMAF Americas Seminar

Location: Ann Arbor, MI USA
 Date: 03 - 05 June

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar

Location: Exincourt, France
 Date: 21 - 23 October

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Autumn Japan Seminar

Location: Kawasaki, Japan
 Date: 13 November

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Austria Seminar

Location: Opponitz, Austria
 Date: 05 & 06 November

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Examination Results

2017 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition

Location: Tokyo, Japan
 Date: To be announced (spring)

2017 Kokusai Budoin IMAF Americas Seminar

Location: To be announced
 Date: To be announced (June)

2017 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar

Location: To be announced
 Date: To be announced (October)

2017 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Puerto Rico Seminar

Location: Cidra, Puerto Rico
 Date: to be announced

2017 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Autumn Japan Seminar

Location: To Be Announced
 Date: To Be Announced

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The objectives of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF, include the expansion of interest in Japanese Martial Arts; the establishment of communication, friendship, understanding and harmony among members chapters; the development of the minds and bodies of its members; and the promotion of global understanding and personal growth.

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Exhibition
 Tokyo, Japan



38th All Japan Budo Exhibition, Aikido Demonstration Participants

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Seminar
 Ann Arbor, MI USA

Members and friends from across the U.S., and beyond, as well as Japan Headquarters Representative Nobetsu Tadanori Sensei, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Chief Director, Karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan, and his personal assistant Shimizu Shun Sensei, gathered June 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Japanese Martial Arts Center in Ann Arbor, MI USA for intensive training, social events, and the relaunch of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF activities in the Americas.

More than eighty senior karate-do practitioners, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF national and regional representatives, general members and friends, including aikido, iaido, judo and jujutsu enthusiasts joined the extraordinary weekend events.

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2016 Spring Seminar, instructors & participants



Nobetsu Sensei directing karate-do kata



Nobetsu Sensei leading karate-do training - part I



Children's karate-do members - extraordinary class with Nobetsu Sensei



Higuchi Sensei leading karate-do training - part II



Nobetsu Sensei demonstrating kumite



Shimizu Sensei helping a junior member

The 2016 spring Japan seminar was held March 6th in Ageo city, Saitama Japan. The afternoon sessions featured Kobudo under the direction of Yahagi Kunikazu Sensei, kobudo Hanshi 8th Dan, and karate-do directed by Nobetsu Tadanori Sensei, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Chief Director, karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan, and Higuchi Ikuo Sensei, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Co-Vice Chief Director, karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan.

Members and friends from Japan and overseas, who regularly practice a variety of arts, including aikido, iaido, karate-do, and kobudo all joined the annual event that is dedicated to building camaraderie through shared practice, in many cases, of arts one may not regularly study.

The training began with Yahagi Sensei introducing fundamental principles of Japanese sword work, as well as dynamic solo and two-person exercises. Karate-do followed with both Nobetsu Sensei and Higuchi Sensei directing training that featured their unique approach to this vibrant and exacting art.

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF holds spring and autumn seminars each year. See <http://imaf.com/events.html> for all details.

The many highlights of the 3rd - 5th June, 2016 event included outstanding daily practice with Nobetsu Sensei, and his assistant, Shimizu Sensei, an open reception for all participants Saturday evening, an event celebrating both the 2016 Americas Seminar - Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas renewal, following a period of restructuring, as well as the 10th anniversary of the Japanese Martial Arts Center (JMAC), examinations for high-ranking members, and more...

Heartfelt appreciation is due to all participants, including Kokusai Budoin, IMAF regular members, Messrs Cruz and Martyn, Branch and Regional Directors, Nicklaus Suino, JMAC Director, and all members of his team - friends and family especially, whose hard work managing the daily schedule, transportation, and general management and so much more, resulted in a memorable event for all.

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas sponsors various events annually. See <http://imaf.com/events.html> for all details.

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar
Exincourt, France - October 21st, 22nd, 23rd

The weekend events began with a welcome reception Friday evening, complete with local delicacies, at the Exincourt city hall given by the city Mayor, members of the municipal culture and sports section, seminar sponsor, Antoine Torres, Branch Director France, and his team of family and friends, for officials and regular members in France, and guests from around the world.



Reception with the Honorable Mayor of Exincourt, France



2016 International European Seminar, Komoto Sensei directing aikido



2016 International European Seminar, instructors & participants



2016 International European Seminar, Nihon Jujutsu practice



2016 International European Seminar, Higuchi Sensei directing karate-do



2016 International European Seminar, Rauscher Sensei directing iaido

October 22nd, more than 200 men, women and children, senior and regular Kokusai Budoin, IMAF members and friends gathered at 09:00 for the opening ceremony in the main sports hall.

The Honorable Mayor of Exincourt, France presented the opening address, followed by remarks from Higuchi Sensei, Japan Headquarters Representative, and the event sponsor, Antoine Torres.

During both Saturday and Sunday all participants engaged in intensive aikido, iaido, karate-do, judo and nihon jujutsu training under the direction of Japan headquarters instructors Higuchi Ikuo Sensei, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Co-Vice Chief Director, karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan, John B. Gage Sensei, Nihon Jujutsu Kyoshi 7th Dan, Komoto Jun Sensei, aikido Kyoshi 6th Dan, and Abe Masatoshi Sensei (assistant to Komoto Sensei), as well as senior international instructors from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, and the UK. Saturday evening, a celebration dinner party was held for all participants, giving old and new friends another chance to share their experience.

Indeed, sincere thanks to all participants, the sponsor and his team, especially the numerous friends and family members who contributed long hours and hard work, to ensure the success of all events.

Please join us in 2017 at the International European Seminar - date and location to be announced. See <http://imaf.com/events.html> for all detail



Iaido Demonstration

The 38th All Japan Budo Exhibition was held at the Ōta-kumin Ikegami Kaikan on May 22nd from 10:00 to 16:00. The program featured demonstrations by senior, and regular members and friends - adult and youth alike, of Iaido, Karate-do, Kobudo, Nihon Jujutsu, Judo and Aikido.

The first All Japan Exhibition was organized in 1951 by senior proponents of Japanese Martial Arts in order to introduce traditional culture to non-Japanese people, and as part of their greater effort to rebuild the mind, body and spirit of the Japanese people via the values and practice of *budo*, Japanese traditional martial arts.



Karate-do Demonstration



Kobudo Demonstration



Nihon Jujutsu Demonstration

Senior instructors and regular members - both adults and children, gathered to demonstrate a variety of traditional arts - a truly unique experience, to follow in the footsteps of the many great men and women who have participated during the past sixty plus years.



Aikido Demonstration



Judo Demonstration



Opening Address by Kokusai Budoin, IMAF President Tokugawa Yasuhisa

The 38th All Japan Budo Exhibition began with the opening ceremony shortly after 10:00, while the first demonstration was Muso jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaido, followed by Goju ryu, Wado Ryu, Shotokan Ryu and Kobujutsu Karate-do. After the mid-day break, the demonstrations continued with Koudo; Tosa Eishin Ryu, Yagyū Shingan Ryu, and Ryushin Souchi Ryu, followed by Nihon Jujutsu, Judo, and Aikido. The closing ceremony at 16:30 concluded the exhibition.

A reception, known as *konshinkai* in Japanese - friendly reunion, was held in the evening where members gathered to celebrate, catch up on recent news, and plan future activities.

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF sponsors the All Japan Budo Exhibition each year. See <http://imaf.com/events.html> for all details.

Local, Regional, National and International News & Events

2016 International Seminar Examination Results

France	David THOMASSETTE	KARATEDO	5th DAN	PASS
	Anthony MOYOU	NIHON JUJUTSU	4th DAN	PASS
Germany	Peter BREIT	IAIDO	3rd DAN	PASS
	Stephan HOHLFELD	JUDO	1st DAN	PASS
Hungary	Binos ZABO	AIKIDO	5th DAN	PASS
	Gabriella VIGH	KARATEDO	4th DAN	PASS
USA	Jose Juan CRUZ	NIHON JUJUTSU	3rd DAN	PASS
	Sebastian VELILLA	KARATEDO	3rd DAN	PASS

Congratulations to the 2016 successful candidates.



Sakai Kazuo Sensei (1930 - 2016)

Sakai Sensei dedicated his life to the promotion of *budo*, traditional Japanese martial arts, as a means of development for men, women and children, and thereby, for the benefit of all society.

Kokusai Budoin Karatedo Hanshi 10th Dan

Kokusai Budoin Member Since 1982, former:

Member of the Board of Directors 理事

Kokusai Budoin Karatedo Shihan 空手道部会師範

Chief Director 理事長

Senior Advisor 顧問

Awarded Commendation for Lifetime Achievement 武道功績賞

The autumn Japan seminar was held November 11th from 13:00 - 16:00 at the Ikushinkan Dojo in Kawasaki, Japan.



Autumn Japan Seminar Participants, Ikushinkan Dojo, Kawasaki, Japan

Kobudo practice was held from 13:00 - 14:25, and directed by Otani Sensei, Kobudo Hanshi 8th Dan. Aikido practice was from 14:30 - 15:55, directed by Tsutsui Sensei, Aikido Kyoshi 8th Dan.

32nd International Iaidō Seminar - Kokusai Budōin Austria

The mountain retreat of Opponitz, Austria, proved to be the perfect place for the 32nd Seishinkan Dōjō International Iaidō Seminar.

Like passing through the gates of a training hall, approaching through the narrow valley on the road to Opponitz made it easy to leave everyday life behind and focus entirely on the aspects of Musō Jikiden Eishin Ryū Iaido taught by Dr. Noisser, Iaidō 7th Dan Kyōshi, and Kazumi Nakayama, Iaidō 6th Dan Renshi.

During the two-day event, more than twenty participants from Austria and nearby countries, practiced intensely under the watchful gaze of Noisser-sensei and Nakayama-sensei.



Nakayama Sensei demonstrating kata

The seminar focus included updating techniques to the current standards according to Musō Jikiden Eishin Ryū's acting Sōke, Fukui Masato, and emphasizing various fundamental matters. Nearly all the aspects of Kata-training, from Kihon to Oku no Kata (basic through advanced measures) were thoroughly investigated and studied. Significant time was spent on correct foot work and sword handling of the Kihon Kata (basic forms), as, according to Noisser-sensei, "well practiced basic technique becomes the foundation of advanced kata". Although physically and mentally exhausting, the training under the direction of expert instructors like Noisser-sensei and Nakayama-sensei was extremely rewarding.

The wonderful accommodation in the country hotel Zum Kirchenwirt and the exceptional food prepared with love and skill by the inn's owner herself did the rest to make the 32nd Iaido Seminar of Kokusai Budōin Branch Austria a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone.



International Seminar Participants - Opponitz, Austria