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In Memory of Sato Shizuya Sensei (1929 – 2011)

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Cofounder and Chief Director (1982 - 2011)

Nihon Jujutsu Hanshi 10th Dan

Judo Hanshi 9th Dan

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Shihan and Chief Examiner Nihon Jujutsu and Judo Divisions
Founder and Director of Training Embassy Judo Club (1957 - 2011)

Born 1929 in Tokyo, Japan. Sato Shizuya Sensei began his study of judo as a child with his father, who was a senior Judo instructor for the Tokyo Metropolitan Police. Later, he joined the judo club in Jr. High School. Upon graduation from Meiji Gakuin University in 1949, he joined the International Section of the Kodokan Institute of Judo.

1951: Participated in the founding Kokusai Budoin, International Martial Arts Federation (IMAF). Its founders included some of Japan's most prominent martial artists, who had dedicated themselves to rebuilding Japan following WWII.

IMAF mission statement:

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

1952 – 1956: Instructor of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) training program, based at the Kodokan. Sato Sensei taught hundreds of US servicemen throughout its duration, and helped to lay the foundation of Aikido, Judo and Karate-do development in the US.

1952 – 1960: Taught at various U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy bases in and around the greater Tokyo area

1957 – 2011: Founder and Director of Training (Shihan), US Embassy Judo Club

1968: Traveled with Ito Kazuo Sensei (Judo 10th Dan) to 12 countries where they promoted Judo with demonstrations in numerous major cities. This was the first Kokusai Budoin, IMAF World Tour.

During the ensuing years, Sato Sensei worked tirelessly to promote peace and understanding among people everywhere through his direction of the American Embassy Judo Club, and supporting endeavors undertaken by Kokusai Budoin, IMAF in countries throughout Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

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1952: Sato Sensei leading US Embassy Japan representative at Hibiya Park in Tokyo at the first post WWII budo exhibition

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2012 IMAF Event Calendar

2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Training and Study Tour Japan

Dates: 02 -14 April

Location: Greater Tokyo Area

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2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress

Location: Charleroi, Belgium

Dates: 19, 20, 21 October

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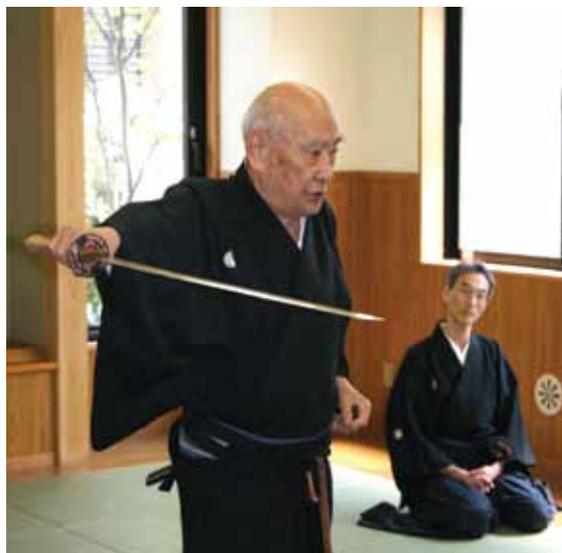
2012 Kokusai Budoin IMAF Americas Congress

Dates: To be Announced

Location: To be Announced

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Tose Kenji Sensei
Iaido Meijin 10th Dan
1924 - 2010

March 17, 2010 Tose Sensei, Iaido Meijin 10th Dan, passed away peacefully.

Tose Sensei was renowned worldwide for his dedication to the principles of budo, traditional Japanese martial arts. As a senior Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters representative, he worked tirelessly to support the federation's endeavors both in Japan and internationally.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Tose sensei traveled extensively overseas and provided numerous IMAF members with a deeper understanding of iaido practice, and its role as a means of personal development, as well as a way to enhance common bonds among practitioners. Additionally, he held the positions of IMAF Vice-Chief Director, Iaido Shihan and Chief Examiner.

Tose Sensei's example of humanity and commitment to the principles of budo; selfless dedication to advancement of mankind, will remain a source of inspiration for men and women everywhere.

2010 IMAF World Budo Seminar

Zwickau, Germany

The annual Kokusai Budoin, IMAF seminars were held October 29-31. Marcus Schbert, Regional Director in Germany, and event sponsor, welcomed the Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters representatives, and more than 250 people from eight different countries for the Pan-European events.



Daily training featured aikido, iaido, karate-do, kobudo, judo, and Nihon Jujutsu sessions directed by IMAF Japan Headquarters representatives and senior European instructors. Additionally, daily social events were featured where old and new friends could meet and share meals, ideas, and other activities.

2011 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF World Budo Congress & Seminar opening ceremony

The city of Zwickau traces its history back nearly 900 years. Formerly, the area was known for coal and silver mining. During the 15th and 16th centuries, Zwickau became a major economic and cultural center in Saxony. Later, The area became a center of innovation in the automobile industry. Zwickau city coat of arms is featured on the right.



Dr. Takahiro Shinyo
Japanese Ambassador to Germany
World Budo Seminar Dedication



Please accept my sincere welcome on the occasion of the Kokusai Budoin, IMAF 2010 Budo World Seminars. I take much pleasure from the fact that Budo, Japanese traditional martial arts and culture, has become a unifying element of the integration of international relations, where practitioners find common interests lead to mutual understanding.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Japanese and German national relations, and I look forward to further exchange and development. In particular, the Kokusai Budoin, International Martial Arts Federation (IMAF) events in Zwickau provide an excellent opportunity for people from Europe and Japan to share camaraderie on this grand occasion.

Indeed, I hope the study of the arts of Budo, will lead to brotherhood among international practitioners, and thereby, foster a more peaceful world.

Budo, which was originally a unique Japanese cultural asset, has become a universal medium of strengthening the mind, body and spirit among practitioners world-wide. This is a verily welcome trend which gives people everywhere a common means to foster a more peaceful world through cooperative endeavors.

Finally I would like to extend my best wishes to all participants of the 2010 World Budo Seminar, as well as my hopes for the success of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF's future efforts to promote international understanding.



2010 IMAF World Budo Seminar Zwickau, Germany

2010 IMAF World Budo Seminar

Saturday morning the seminars began with an opening ceremony at 09:00 featuring IMAF Branch and Regional Directors, senior European instructors, regular members and friends, as well as Headquarters Japan Representatives Ikuo Higuchi (karate-do), Iwao Matsuzaki (iaido), John B. Gage (judo and Nihon Jujutsu), and Jun Komoto (aikido). Soon thereafter, all members went to one of two training halls for day-long sessions. That evening an exhibition featuring instructors and senior members was held from 17:00, with a reception for all seminar participants following at a local Chinese restaurant.



Senior European & Japanese representatives, opening ceremony



Participants, opening ceremony



Sunday afternoon Aikido practitioners



Matsuzaki Sensei demonstrating iaido, Saturday afternoon



Saturday evening Karate-do exhibition with Higuchi Sensei



Saturday afternoon, Nihon Jujutsu warm up exercises



2010 World Budo Seminar Participants Zwickau, Germany

2010 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Spring Japan Tour

Tokyo, Japan

Thursday 01 April, eighteen members of the 2010 Japan Spring Tour group, met their guides, Christine and Hans-D. Rauscher, Chairman Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Europe, at Frankfurt airport. For many of us, boarding the plane was the paramount step of a dream we had been working toward for many years - to visit Japan.

After arriving at Narita international airport, all tour members took a shuttle bus directly to the Takanawa Tobu Hotel in Shinagawa (central Tokyo) where they were met by Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters representatives Chief Director Sato Sensei, Yoshida Sensei, Hara Sensei, Iwasa Sensei and Gage Sensei. Following check in, all went out for dinner at a nearby restaurant. This generous welcome, on our first day in Japan, remains one of my fondest memories.

Friday, our first full day in Japan, began with an excursion to Asakusa, with its legendary Kaminari gate, and awe-inspiring main temple. After sightseeing and a little shopping, we made our way to Yokohama for iaido training with Iwasa Sensei and Tode Sensei. Afterward we shared dinner and drinks with our instructors, exchanged business cards, and as a bonus, celebrated tour member Hagen Clement's birthday.

Saturday morning featured training at the Embassy Dojo under the direction of Sato Sensei, who presented all Japan Tour members with a signed copy of his Nihon Jujutsu manual.



Sato Sensei explaining basic Nihon Jujutsu

Following lunch, aikido practitioners stayed for afternoon training at the Embassy Dojo, while karate-do practitioners went to train at Higuchi Dojo, and iaido practitioners went to Undo Park for Hanami, a picnic among the sakura (cherry trees).

Sunday we spent the day at Ikushin Dojo, where Dan exams and a data contest were scheduled. IMAF Chief Director Sato Sensei presided over the presentation ceremony and a long but rewarding day drew to a close.



Ikushinkan Dojo, Aikido Demonstration

Monday morning included a tour of Odawara Castle.



Later, karate-do practitioners went with Rauscher Sensei to a special training session with Higuchi Sensei, while others toured Yokohama.

Tuesday morning was free, and in the afternoon we joined Sakai Sensei and Iwasa Sensei for karate-do and iaido training at an outstanding culture and sports facility in Yokohama.



Japan Tour members at training in Yokohama

Wednesday morning there was time for a little shopping or sight-seeing on our own. In the afternoon, some went to study iaido with Iwasa Sensei in Yokohama, and others went to Higuchi dojo for karate-do training.

Thursday was another special day with iaido training at a public dojo with a large number of iaido Sensei. We begin a very intensive training where each student was able to study with several senior Japanese Sensei. At the end of the day we were treated to a particular pleasure, to observe each Sensei demonstrating his virtuoso techniques. That evening we held a typical Japanese party in a small tavern in the vicinity of the dojo.



Friday morning at 5 o'clock we went to the world famous Tsukiji fish market to pursue another of our passions, excellent food! Following our early adventures, we went to Kamakura, where we visited, among other things, the grave of Funakoshi Gichin (1868 - 1957). That evening we attended a reception and banquet where certificates of participation were given to all, and met Kokusai Budoin, IMAF President Tokugawa Yasuhisa, great-great grandson of the final Tokugawa Shogun.

Saturday, on our final day in Japan we visited Nikko, with the beautiful temples of Toshugu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Tokugawa family shrine. A truly memorable way to end our wonderful journey.

Special thanks for their contributions to Ines Gnichwitz, Matthias Claus, Carola Clement, and Adrian Kempf, as well as everyone at home and in Japan who made this trip so memorable.

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1957: Sato Sensei (second from left) with Douglas MacArthur Jr., US Ambassador to Japan (center), the first Embassy Judo Club Honorary President



1963: 13th Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition, Hotel Okura Tokyo



1972: Judo Kyosho (judo textbook) 2nd edition by Ito Kazuo Sensei, Sato Sensei was a contributor



1988: Embassy Judo Club, Sato Sensei (front row, center)

1982: Appointed Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Chief Director

Over the years Sato Sensei received numerous awards for his work to promote exchange and camaraderie worldwide.

Presidential Commendation for efforts to promote cross-cultural understanding between Japan and the U.S., by former U.S. President William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton, as well as from Senators, Governors, and Mayors of California, Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania

Commendations Europe: Members of Parliament, and Mayors in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, The Netherlands, and UK



2008: Sato Sensei at Ikushinkan Dojo, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japan seminar



2010 Headquarters Officials' Meeting

Sato Sensei will be fondly remembered by men, women and children worldwide for his kindness, humanity, and life-long dedication to the promotion of both physical and moral education via traditional Japanese martial arts.

All Kokusai Budoin, IMAF members and friends are invited to pause for a moment of silence before practice, or in daily life, to contemplate the efforts of those who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of humanity via the medium of traditional Japanese martial arts, and thereby both honor and celebrate the benefits we have received.

2011 March European Judo and Nihon Jujutsu Seminars

Featuring Headquarters Director John B. Gage Sensei

05 - 06 March: Copenhagen, Denmark Seminars

08 - 09 March: Montreau, France Seminars

11 - 13 March: Dresden and Riesa, Germany Seminars



Judo Nage no Kata, *ukiotoshi* (floating drop) Riesa-dojo, Germany

2011 European Karate-do Kenkyu Taikai

24 - 26 July Karate-do study and training in Freiburg and Endingen, Germany, featuring Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters Japan Director and Division Shihan Higuchi Ikuo Sensei, Karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan

This unique event included four days of intensive training, lectures, discussions and a review karate-do history.

Individuals & clubs from many nations participated with positive results for all. Participant comments: 'the hardest four days of training in my life,' 'I learned more during the past four days, than in the past four years,' 'an excellent event - which I highly recommend to all!'

The 2011 events were sponsored by Hans-D. Rauscher, Branch Director Germany, with the assistance of Christine Rauscher, Tony Ojiro and all staff members in Germany.



2010 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Youth Championship Cottbus, Germany 8th & 9th May



260 competitors from more than 10 nations participated in 115 categories of 14 martial arts, with 1,000 *kumite* contests and *kata* performances. A broad variety of competitive divisions were featured, including martial arts of China, Japan, Philippines, and Indonesia.

The competitions utilized four contest areas concurrently, with officials and assistants working at high speed to ensure the smooth management of all events. Throughout the event, spectators and competitors both kept the spirit of enthusiasm at a high pitch. 115 Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to European Youth Contest winners.

The following individuals deserve special mention for his and her important contributions to the successful conclusion of the 2010 European Youth Championship:

Hans-D. Rauscher, IMAF Chairman Europe
PSV Cottbus, and its Board of Directors:
Oaf Fisher, Chairman
Raimo Ermler, Assistant Chairman
Hagen Clement, Deputy Chairman
Uli Lehmann, Treasurer

Since its founding in 1951, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF has worked continuously to promote traditional Japanese martial arts and develop fellowship among practitioners worldwide. Members in the following countries have contributed to our endeavors for more than fifty-years:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Bulgaria, Chile, China (PRC), Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Korea (ROK), Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, United Kingdom, Venezuela

2011 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Congress

The 2011 IMAF Americas Congress had a unique tropical flavor this year. It was an interesting blend of pure Japanese martial art and spicy Hispanic culture, held, as it was June 3rd - 5th in the city of Cidra, better known as "the City of Eternal Spring" for its greenery, soft breeze and balanced weather on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

The activities started early morning on Friday with sightseeing and a visit to the city hall, where the mayor of Cidra, the Honorable Angel L. Malave, and other government officials, personally welcomed all the participants.

Friday afternoon training began with a moment of silence observed in honor of the memory of Master Sato Shizuya. The Friday, Saturday, and Sunday sessions featured Aikido, Iaido, Karate do (Shotokan-ryu and Goju-ryu), Nihon Jujutsu, Okinawa Kobudo (Bojutsu and Saijutsu), and lectures on Budo principles and *reigi*, or etiquette, which were lead by leading IMAF Americas exponents such as Brett Mayfield, Jose Juan Cruz and Jose Andrade.

Saturday evening everyone joined the annual IMAF Americas banquet, which included a celebration for Jose Juan Cruz, IMAF Americas Branch Director who marked 40 years of studying traditional Japanese martial arts (budo). His Honor, the Mayor of Cidra city, Angel L. Malave and his wife Gloria joined the event, and presented awards to all IMAF representatives for their service to enhance physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development in the community.



Jose Juan Cruz Sensei currently lives and teaches Karatedo, Kobudo and Nihon Jujutsu in the island of Puerto Rico. If you are planning to visit the Caribbean, don't forget to contact him by email: imaf.americas@gmail.com

Kokusai Budoin members and friends are invited to support efforts to help rebuild homes, schools and communities in Japan by giving to the following registered charities:

Red Cross Society of Japan: www.jrc.or.jp/english/index.html

Community Chest of Japan:
www.akaihane.or.jp/english/index.html