

The Memorial Karate-Do Seminar and Exchange Demonstration 2014 for Soke Takayoshi Nagamine in Okinawa”

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Dear WMKA members Merry Christmas 2014 and A Happy New Year 2015 !

The event was great and successful because of your support and cooperation. Though, you may be enjoying it on facebook from many dojo owners who attend the events, I will add some news from Okinawa.

We had more than 250 participants including spouses and parents of boys and girls from nine countries around the world. The two-day karate-do seminar was held on both October 31st & November 1 at the Okinawa Prefectural Martial arts hall in Naha City, Okinawa. We had a Dan promotion test, an “Exchange” demonstration and “Exchange” party on November 2, 2014. Please refer to the “Demonstration Program” for detailed information. I will send the program to all dojo owners who couldn’t come to Okinawa because of their health conditions or job situations.

Okinawa Headquarters was very glad and happy to host the many WMKA members from overseas including mainland of Japan. I attached some Snapshot Photos during the events.



Left photo; The memorial photos of both Founder Shoshi Nagamine and Soke Takayoshi Nagamine with the WMKA flag and the Memorial events banner. **Right photo;** The Karate-do seminar was instructed by president Yoshitaka Taira hanshi 10th dan and other high ranking teachers.



Left photo; Four judges and 25 winners of Dan promotion test. **Right photo;** Kusanku kata bunkai by three top directors from left to right, Toshimitsu Arakaki hanshi 10th dan , Yoshitaka Taira hanshi 10th dan & Iwao Tome hanshi 9th dan.



Left & right photos; The last demonstration kata “ Fukyugata I”,founded by Shoshi Nagamine Osensei, was commanded by president Taira and performed by all participants to close the Memorial events for Soke.



The above photo was taken during the Memorial Exchange Demonstration on November 2, 2014 at the Okinawa prefectural Martial Arts Hall Rensei Dojo 2nd floor. We had more than 250 participants including parents of boys and girls. Unfortunately, even the professional photographer couldn't get the whole Dojo floor including the many parent groups into the photo.



Everybody was happy and enjoyed the Exchange party at Southern Plaza Kaiho Hotel from 18:00 to 20:00 after the Memorial Karate Demonstration on November 2, 2014. Many groups jumped on stage spontaneously or reluctantly and exhibited their own country's old or new folk songs or folk rock. The party was in full swing without an ending and finally was forced out by the Hotel manager at 10pm!

[Please refer to the quotes from who attended the events from outside Okinawa including mainland of Japan.](#)

Sincerely Yours

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