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15 Year Celebration

Next year marks the “15 Years of Seiko-Kai” since separating from Itosu-Kai. At the Seiko-Kai AGM preparations were discussed in regards to celebrating this achievement. As details are made available these will be listed in the newsletter.



Seiko-Kai AGM 2008

Australia



Tegan Taylor a 4th Kyu from Australia travelled to Japan in November. She spent time travelling around Osaka and then went to Tokyo with her boyfriend Darcy (who does not train in Karate but is known to the Australian Branch). While in Tokyo, Tegan had 4 lessons with Suzuki Soke. Tegan also has dinner with Suzuki Soke, Nakagawa Kaicho, Watanabe Shihan.



Colin Punyer, Australia Chief instructor travelled to Japan at the end of November to attend the annual Seiko-Kai AGM and to train with both Kanno Shihan and Suzuki Soke. The first few days of the trip were spent in Tokushima with Kanno Shihan. This was a great experience and both Kanno Shihan and Colin are hoping to set up and exchange programme so that they can each bring their

students between the countries. This will allow the students to create friendships and to experience the different cultures between Australia and Japan.

Colin then travelled to Tokyo and fortunate enough to meet Ruwan Sensei, Chief instructor of Sri-Lanka. This was one of the highlights of the trip and hope that we can meet again.



Watanabe Shihan, Samantha (Sri-Lanka), Ruwan Sensei (Sri-Lanka) & Colin

Both Sato Shihan and Colin spent a day at the Budokan watching the 52nd All Japan University Karate Championships. There were some truly exception fights. Many competitors showed great skill, but it was there spirit and commitment for their University that stood out at the event.



Colin, Sato Shihan and Kanno Shihan

Colin had a few private lessons with Suzuki Soke and was invited to have dinner with him and his family to celebrate his birthday. Suzuki Soke's 3 son's came for the dinner with their wives and his grandchildren. This was an enjoyable experience and nice to meet his family.



The Suzuki Family

Suzuki Soke has been invited to Australia and will visit Brisbane 31st October and 1st and 2nd November 2009. It is expected Sato Shihan, Kanno Shihan, Ohgiya Shihan, and Yokoyama Sensei will also make the trip.

India



Bharat Sharma, Chief instructor India had the opportunity to visit Shito Ryu Seiko Kai Hombu Dojo in Tokyo Japan on 14th of November and finally meet Grandmaster Soke Suzuki. Sensei Sharma was in Japan from 10th to 17th November to attend the 19th WKF Senior Karate Championship as Coach of the Indian Team.



Sensei Sharma had a great experience meeting Suzuki Soke and was awarded 6th Dan diploma and appreciation certificate. Special thanks to Shihan Akira Sato who managed this meeting and Sensei Wim Tewinkle who permitted him the opportunity to be a member of Seiko-Kai.

South America

Isato Maekawa is travelling around the world. He is from Japan, but in 2005 lived for a year in Canada and studied karate at Sato sensei's dojo. He is now travelling around the world and visited Seiko Kai dojos in Chile and Argentina. In the attached photos he is shown with Martinez sensei in Chile and Gamez sensei in Argentina.





Canada

Wakai sensei was in British Columbia, Canada from October 23 to October 28, 2008. This was her second visit to Canada. The attached photo is from the welcome party in Vancouver.



11th Annual Sato Cup

7 February 2009 BCIT, Vancouver, Canada For details check out the Canada Hombu dojo website or contact Andreas Kuntze at satocup@shitoryu.net

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