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Canada

Canada – Sato Cup February 5, 2010 check out www.shitoryu.net for tournament information.

Philippines

The Philippine Karatedo League(PKL) Inc. and Philippine Shito Ryu Karatedo Seikokai Union in cooperation with the City Government of Santa Rosa thru the City Sports Development Office and Department of Education- Division of CSR are proud to be the country host of the Annual International Karate Tournament, “**The ASIA PACIFIC SHITO RYU KARATEDO SEIKOKAI AND KOBUDO CHAMPIONSHIP and TRAINING CAMP**” to be held on November 12-14, 2010(Friday-Sunday) at the City of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Philippines.

This annual event aims to promote camaraderie and strong tight of brotherhood amongst the karatekas from different cultures and parts of the world. It also promotes the Japanese discipline inculcated by and adapted to the whole nation. We appreciate your participation and support every step of the way.

Venezuela

Venezuela will also hold its 17th National tournament on Saturday 23rd October 2010.

Please email Lopez Sensei kunshinoken@cantv.net for entry forms and any information requests.

Sri Lanka

The 7th Annual Seiko-Kai Cup & Asia Seiko-Kai Tournament will be on 25th & 26th September 2010 in Colombo Please contact Ruwan Sensei at ruwan@seikokaisl.org for information.

Germany

3rd Official Shitoryu Karate-Do Summertime from 31st July to 7th August 2010 in Germany



Expectations were high among Karate-ka from all over Germany when they pitched their tents for **Shihan Athula Minithanthri's (7th Dan)** third Shitoryu summertime at Freizeitcenter Oberrhein (near the city Baden-Baden) Germany. In addition to the “usual suspects” from the Löchgau, Beilstein and Ilsfeld Dojos, karatekas arrived from all over Germany, especially from the **Shinbukai Ettenheim Dojo**, lead by **Sensei Joachim Wursthorn (5th Dan)**. All together, more than 140 participants and their families squeezed together in the tent section of Freizeitcenter Oberrhein campground – compared to last year their number more than doubled! A special guest at this year's camp was **Sensei Shinichi Hasegawa (7th Dan)** who was more than 21 years in Japanese National team member and who won 7 times, Team Kata in Asian Pacific Championship continuously as well as 1992 to 2002 International and World Team Kata Champions as well known as

“**Hasegawa brother’s**” from Japan, who had followed an invitation of his student **Sensei Joachim Wursthorn** who was living more than 10 year in Japan learning Karate. Far from arriving alone, **Sensei Hasegawa** brought with him his wife **Senesi Yumi Hasegawa(7th Dan)** who was also former active kumite member in Japanese National team for several years, his daughter **Mai** and several young members of the Japanese National Karate team (**Takashi Fukada, Takako Asakawa** and **Maki Hirabayashi**). Spectacular news for all participants! From Germany **Sensei Jutta Fojkar (4th Dan)** who won 2nd place-Kumite in Ryobu Kai World Championship in Tokyo Japan and **Sensei Jürgen Marber (3rd Dan)** were helped being assistant trainers to Shihan Athula during this week. **Sensei Joachim Wursthorn** was always stayed near by all the Japanese guests because as no any of these Japanese speak English. Therefore he was the only Japanese translator we had during this week

Sunday morning brought a pleasant surprise for all the attendance **Mr. Sigi Wolf**, president of Karate Federation Baden-Württemberg District, had arrived specially to welcome them – an honour for all participants. After introducing him to the Japanese guest trainers he was giving small welcome speech to all the participants and especially to our Japanese guest.

After words **Shihan Athula** was exhibited very old black belt which was in a frame to all the instructor’s team and to the Karate Federation’s President and then to all the members very proudly which he received as a present from a former Karate legend **Soke Teruo Hayashi’s** Black belt. **Soke Teruo Hayashi** was wearing this belt since he was created **Hayashi-Ha Shitoryu Kai**. It was also a great honour for all the members to see such a belt which was from world famous Karate **Legend Soke Teruo Hayashi**.

Excited by this fact, all the trainers together **Hasegawa sensei** started their first “Japanese” training session and soon found out that it differed in some points from their usual training. It was always a fascinating collective experience and it was really fun! Training sessions for so many participants had to be well organized and coordinated –

and **thanks to Sensei Jürgen Marber's** and Sensei Jutta Fojkar's excellent preparations this worked out for everybody. Karateka were spoilt for choice; **Sensei Hasegawa** and his team taught **Kata Anan** to competitors and trained the children.

Shihan Athula Minithanthri offered **Kata Seiryu** (original version) to the adult karateka who are practising karate for them-self and not for the tournament. Also taught Kumite training and showed some tips explained special part in many kata techniques to think during their attending Karate Championships under the referee's perspective. And even the **Senei Yumi Hasegawa** and **Mai Hasegawa** benefited from his teaching of **Kobu-Do (Bo and Tonfa)** a new experience for them. During this week **Shihan Athua** did once special self.-defence training to the adults Karate-ka and parents showing some pressure points as a last resort to use if necessary in their dangerous situations. **Sensei Joachim Wursthorn** was teaching several times self-defence how to protect against the knife and **Sensei Jürgen Marber** taught general bear hand self-defence techniques with **senpai Axel Griesinger** together to the the karateka and their families, which was also readily accepted by everybody. Children, competitors, but also “average” karateka all benefited from the training sessions.

All the kids assembled for Friday afternoon’s “Kids Olympics”, where young karatekas demonstrated their speed, endurance and flexibility. They were all very proud to receive medals and certificates naming them “**Kid Karate Warriors**”.

For the adults, Thursday evening's Karate demonstration, which was attended by several hundred campers of Freizeitcenter Oberrhein, was the highlight of the week. The instructors surpassed themselves and each other with spectacular katas and entertaining self-defense demonstrations. **Sensei Wursthorn** did a beautiful demonstration against the knife attack with his assistant **senpai Holgar**. **Shihan Athula Minithanthri** did marvellous Bo- Kata and partner demonstration with **senpai Jürgen Flammer** and very excited bear hand demonstration against the small stick with **senpai Axel Griesinger** jumping to his neck and throwing

him all over the places. **Sensei Hasegawa's *Suparimpei*** and the Japanese National team's ***Bassai Dai*** team kata wit Bunkai were all highly acclaimed. At the end of the demonstration **Shihan Athula** did breaking a natural stone showing his inner power through practising years of karate.



Australia

The Shobudojo in Sydney taught by Ron Matthews Sensei recently conducted belt testing and submitted the following 2 pictures of the successful students.

Far from being boring even during spare time, Shitoryu summercamp had a lot of interesting leisure activities to offer. Soaked with sweat after strenuous training, the karatekas went for a cooling swim in the lake or enjoyed calmer activities like trips over the Rhine to France. In the evenings they got to know each other during BBQ parties and watched movies together. Friday evening's Sayonara-party with music and dancing crowned the week at Freizeitcenter Oberrhein. In the end, all the participants were enthusiastic. To put it in a nutshell: this year's Shitoryu summercamp was immensely demanding and varied. Karatekas worked hard, found new friends, and all the new impressions will continue motivating them for everyday training. A training course with a long-term benefit for every participant! Our next **"4th German Official Shitoryu Summer Camp"** will be from the 30th of July to 6th of August 2011 already booked. But please do not forget long before that we are holding our **"11th Open Shitoryu Cup"** (Open Karate Championship) on the 27th of November 2010 in Beilstein, Germany.



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