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Soke's Word

Text: Michael Daishiro Nakajima

Dear Shinkiryu members, dear friends,

The Corona epidemic, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and, now, this earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria, our world is in turmoil. Isn't it high time we woke up? "The fat years are over," one could say, based on the title of a movie. These negative phenomena are actually not entirely new, even if we only consider the period after the Second World War. The ever-increasing gap between poverty and wealth alone already reveals how sick our "human" or supposed to be human society is. But the poor also want to live where many people are better off. Now we cannot cope with the big refugee problem, especially since the wars caused by selfishness and material greed are causing even more refugees to leave their homes. In addition, there is the turmoil on earth, which, not least together with the consequences of people's profit-seeking sloppiness, causes a huge disaster. If we add the climate crisis to this, we could get the impression that we are in a situation like a person who lives unhealthily for years, excessively drinks alcohol, and thus ruins his body. At some point it will be too late, even if he radically changes this way of life.

Some people claim that this limit has already been exceeded for our earth. So, it's too late. I don't know, but I wouldn't be surprised if it is. Can we at least save the soul to compare the matter with the man who has lived unhealthily? The first step in that direction would be clear regret. In order to be able to repent, we must not take our eyes off the bad past. We have to look it in the eyes. However, this does not mean despair but the humble death into the abyss. And if our source is love, he will take us in his arms. If not, then we're lost and we don't deserve better. **In any case, we should say goodbye to the naively heroic dream of glorious victory. If we are allowed to win thanks to the loving basis, then with many wounds and scratches - and deep gratitude. And if we have practiced Budo seriously for years, we should have acquired this quality. Because through the outer martial arts we actually learn the inner martial arts and the true fighting spirit, which also goes beyond defeat.**

I wish you a contemplative Lent and a happy celebration of the resurrection!

Remarks

Social Fund

A niece of Namika lost her one-year-old baby in the earthquake in Aleppo. The house where the family lived was destroyed, and a falling rock hit the baby's head. Namika considered bringing the family of five (the niece, her husband, and their 3 other children) here on short notice. But this special regulation of the German government only applies to Turkish citizens. The reason is that Germany has no official diplomatic relations with the Assad government. There is no German embassy in Syria.

Since we found out that they only get a little bit of rice and sugar, we thought about sending money to her niece, like Yukié, so that she can buy something. But far and wide there should be no business or shop through which the money could be transported. Because everything around is destroyed.

Namika's next consideration was to have this family, like her nephew G., move to Egypt. But as described in the last letter, a passport costs \$400 and a visa \$1200. 5 times that would be \$8000. Unfortunately we cannot afford that. So we are at a loss at the moment.

Graduation Fee

After 20 years, I am changing the fee for kyu grades (5th-1st kyu) from €20 to €25 because our expenses are increasing. As before, trainers who are authorized to conduct tests will receive half of the €25 Kyu examination fee, i.e., €12.50, even if they delegate the testing. This rule applies to both Aikido and Daitoryu grades. Regarding the latter, there will also be an increase from 8th Dan upwards. The separate Shihan fee will be canceled. The Fee Schedule on our website will change effective July 1, 2023.

Promotions

December 2, 2022 – March 1, 2023

Aikido

9th Kyu	Hopp, Leo	Rheinbreitbach
6th Kyu	Buhr, Niklas	Rheinbreitbach
6th Kyu	Althaus, Johannes Nikolaj	Rheinbreitbach
5th Kyu	Villis, Carlos	SG KIT
5th Kyu	Wielgus, Stella	Wi-Sonnenberg
5th Kyu	Bittner, Nike	Wi-Sonnenberg
4th Kyu	Marculescu, Gabriel-Florin	Sibiu
3rd Kyu	Dimulete, Lacramioara	Sibiu
3rd Kyu	Mutiu, Ciprian Ilie	Sibiu
3rd Kyu	Imberti, Simona	Bartholomä
3rd Kyu	Boger, Heinz	Bartholomä
3rd Kyu	Pasberg, Gunnar	Bad Segeberg
3rd Kyu	Preiskorn, Ian	Bad Segeberg
2nd Kyu	Dumitrescu, Luigi	Sibiu
1st Kyu	Roessler, Jens	Oberkessach
1st Kyu	Pötig, Matthias	Cottbus
1st Kyu	Thies, Enrico	Dresden
1st Dan	Mann, Georg	Ulm
2nd Dan	Winge, Dorothea	Weimar
5th Dan	Vogel, Scott	Mt. Pleasant
5th Dan	Krabel, Markus	HD Umlauf

Daitoryu

5th Kyu	Dumitrescu, Luigi	Sibiu
4th Kyu	Wichmann, Arian	Weimar
4th Kyu	Byczuk, Raimund	Lahnstein
4th Kyu	Schmitz, Michael	Lahnstein
4th Kyu	Weiß, Björn	Linz
3rd Kyu	Pötig, Matthias	Cottbus

Shinki Toho

Menkyo Kaiden	Theobald, Helmut	Oberkessach
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Seminars

2023

Seminars 2023

Sat, 25 – Sun, 26 March

Edingen: Aikido Dan Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima Shihan and the members of the Examination Committee

Sat, 22 – Sun, 23 April

Coburg: Ittoden Shinki Toho Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima Hoshu

Sat, 6 May

Leopoldshafen: Shinki-Toho Seminar

with Marius Trzaski

Sat, 13 – Sun, 14 May

Schöntal-Oberkessach: 12. Aikido-Youth-Seminar

with Michael Danner

Sat, 20 – Sun, 21 May

München: Aikido/Daitoryu Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima Shihan

Sat 17. – Sun, 18 June

Siebeldingen (Landau): Daitoryu Aiki Jujutsu Bokuyokan

with M. D. Nakajima Shihan

Fre, 23 – Sun, 25 June

Muroran Honbu, Hokkaido/Japan,: Daitoryu Aiki Jujutsu Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima, Bokuyokan Shihan

Mon, 24 – Sat, 29 July

Oldenswort: Eiderstedter Aiki-Budo Summer Seminar

with Duncan Underwood

Thu, 17 – Sun, 20 August

Königheim bei Tauberbischofsheim: Little Summer Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima Soke

Sat, 2 – Sun, 3 September

Schkeuditz: Aiki Budo Seminar

with Claudia Buder and Henry Kyerim Kowallik

Sat, 16 – Sun, 17 September

Leopoldshafen: Aiki Budo Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima Soke

Sat, 14 – Sun, 15 October

Königheim bei Tauberbischofsheim: Shinki Toho Seminar

with M. D. Nakajima, Hoshu assisted by H. Theobald, Menkyo Kaiden

Arigato gozaimasu

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If you would like to contribute to Shinki News, please submit your contribution(s) to: shinkinews@shinkiryu.de and we will contact you to discuss the formalities.

Have a nice spring time full of Ki!
Shinki News Team.

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