

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - June 2022

Hawaii Kendo Federation had a shinsa (examination) seminar on Sunday, May 29 at Kaimuki Honbu Dojo. Yukimasa Furutani Sensei, Tusha Buntin Sensei and Mikio Koga Sensei pointed out how to pass examinations for both examinees and examiners. The seminar was very beneficial for everyone.

Hawaii Kendo Federation started special practice sessions for those who are aspiring for 6 Dan and 7 Dan every Saturday night from 6PM at Hawaii Daijingu Dojo. It is very good to listen to how to perform in order to pass examinations. Those who hold lower ranks also are allowed to come and participate in this practice.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is holding 1 Kyu and Dan examination on Sunday, June 26 at Kaimuki Gym after long absence. Good luck to those who are taking examinations. Examiners want you to pass unless you are not quite meeting criteria.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 14 at Mililani District Park Gym unless COVID situation deteriorates and Gym does not allow us to use the facility. The host clubs will send out invitations with COVID mitigation protocol details. It has been a while since we had a tournament in Hawaii. Normally, Kendo equipment vendors come to sell items or take orders. If you need some equipments, try to be there.

Many Japanese kenshi repeat visitors are anxious to come to Hawaii as soon as border crossing restriction relaxed or removed. Ono Tomohide Sensei from Saitama, Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei and Sasaki Keiko Sensei of Akita are some of them who informed me their intentions.

Sakuma Saburo Hanshi was sitting on a chair and watching his students practice. Students noticed something different about him. When they approached and checked him out, he was no longer breathing and already expired.

All of us would die sometime or other, so what a marvelous way to leave this world Sakuma Sensei did. For persons there, it might have been very traumatic incident to witness. I tell my students in my dojo, if I drop dead while practicing, dance around me by saying, "Sato Sensei died while he was doing what he loves most" and celebrate for me. Many kenshis pursue life long kendo practice for their wellness and happiness. So, this kind of sudden death may happen among older persons. It is better chance to enjoy your life if you constantly take care of your health and spend healthy life style. Do practice your own healthy way.

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