

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - May 2022

Hawaii visitor *Kenshi*, Dr. Hidaka Hisamitsu, *Kyoshi* 7 Dan, had a top article in *Kensoh* magazine April issue about his kendo practice history. He implies kendo *Tachi-ai* as communications with his patients. Younger doctors tend to lack communication skills and keep on staring at computer screens while being with patients without having eye to eye contact. He treasures his encounters with many different age and profession people in kendo, and learning much through them. He intends to better himself in both medical profession and kendo for the rest of his life.

If you want to have a copy of his writing, let me know.

One of annual Hawaii visitors, Sasaki Keiko Sensei, passed Kendo 6 Dan examination on April 29 in Kyoto. Congratulations to her. We are very happy and proud of her accomplishment. We are very glad to know that she and her husband, Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei, plan to visit Hawaii sometime this year.

University of Washington Kendo Club was kind enough to invite Hawaii people for their tournament on May 14. Unfortunately no one from Hawaii is available to go this year.

Hawaii Kendo Federation will have 1 Kyu and Dan examination on Sunday, June 26 at Kaimuki Honbu Dojo. Many have been waiting for this opportunity to take this examination. If you want to take the examination, let your dojo senseis know and practice hard.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament is planned on Sunday August 14 pending City and County approval. It will be at Mililani District Park Gym.

Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club is planning to host their tournament in November. Details will be announced later.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is having special practices for those who are aspiring for 6 Dan and 7 Dan at Hawaii Daijingu Kendo Club Dojo Saturday evenings. Many are already improving and learning what should be done to make them good enough to pass examinations.

When I was flipping through TV channels, I came up to the station Judge Judy just said, "God gives you one mouth and two ears for reason." She wanted the plaintiff and defendant to stop talking and listen carefully.

In kendo I want to add, "You have two eyes besides one mouth." Watching good *kenshis* (*Mitori-geiko*) and listening to senseis are very good learning techniques especially when you have to sit and rest because of injuries. Some so called "self-claimed accomplished" *kenshis* ceased learning and only teaching. Teaching is important when you are in higher ranks, but it has to come along with keeping on learning to make you better.

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