

## Report from The 2nd Okinawa Karate World Tournament

*Dear WMKA members around the World,*

I will begin by quoting from the greetings by The Governor of Okinawa in *The 2nd Okinawa Karate World Tournament 2022 catalog*:

This year Okinawa marks the 50th year anniversary since its reversion to Japan from U. S. rule, and we believe that this tournament, held at such a milestone date, will attract a great deal of attention from both within and outside Japan. About 800 karate enthusiasts from 27 countries and regions around the world will participate in general tournament, along with about 1,400 boys and girls in the 1st OKINAWA KARATE WORLD JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.

In addition, about 800 individuals will participate in Okinawa Karate Seminars.

The participants to *The 2nd OKINAWA KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT 2022* were fewer compared to *The 1st OKINAWA KARATE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2018* because of the Covid-19 pandemic around the world. WMKA Okinawa Headquarters sent 12 personnel including president Taira and vice president Arakaki to the Expert Committees as Seminar instructors and as Judges or staff. WMKA members participated in the opening ceremony and group demonstration and in the kata tournament. The participating members were: 30 from Okinawa, 5 from Mainland Japan, 15 from Australia lead by Mr Reece Cummings, and from India Mr Kugan Sundarmurthy. We performed Fukyugata 1 and Wankan as group demonstration. Mr Reece Cummings demonstrated Wanshu solo as one of eight Individual performers from all Okinawa Karate and Kobudo organizations.



*WMKA members demonstrated Fukyugata I*



*Adult members demonstrated Wankan Kata*

We had two medal winners in Shuri-te and Tomari-te Kei (Ryuha):

Ms Mayumi Horikawa Renshi 6th dan from Okinawa won Silver medal in Adult Female senior (60 and above).

Mr Minoru Yoneda 5th dan from Osaka in mainland of Japan won Bronze medal in Adult Male II (40 to 59).

At the special dan evaluation test during the events Mr Reece Cummings achieved 5<sup>th</sup> dan and Mr Kugan Sundarmurthy achieved 4<sup>th</sup> dan.

The Okinawa government wants to regularize *The OKINAWA KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT* with the Winter Olympic year. I hope you will be aware of it and will plan to visit Okinawa and attend the events in your future karate life.

Best regards,

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Left to right:  
Arakaki sensei – Kugan Sundarmurth 4<sup>th</sup> dan –  
Taira sensei – Reece Cummings 5<sup>th</sup> dan – Tome sensei



Mr Minoru Yoneda 5th Dan – President Yoshitaka Taira – Ms Mayumi Horikawa Renshi 6th Dan

