

June 20, 2012

**To all European Matsubayashi-ryu Karate-do Association Members
Announcement of New Executive Members of Okinawa Headquarters**

Dear all EMKA members

I am sure all members are healthy and pursuing karate practice in your own countries.

We all remember as if it was just yesterday that the 2nd Soke Takayoshi Nagamine's Unbelievable Passing Away on April 25, 2012. He was about to leave for Norway and Germany on May 7th, Canada and USA in July and Ireland in August. Soke Nagamine enthusiastically talked and was actively working for World Karate-do Seminar in Okinawa starting from November 3, 2013. We are still shocked and hardly believe of Soke's sudden passing away.

We discussed within all board member meeting what the best way to succeed and preserve the Matsubayashi-ryu Karate-do for future generation. We unanimously decided to adapt Association President System instead of Soke System on General Conference on June 9, 2012. The new executive Members such as President, Vice president, Chairman of board ... etc. will be listed on this letter.

I think it is our obligation to 1st Soke Shoshin Nagamine and 2nd Soke Takayoshi Nagamine to Discipline 18 Kata and 7 Yakusoku Kumite Correctly together with Spiritual Essence of Matsubayashi-ryu Karate-do and pass down to younger generation. Under the present difficult situation, I ask you all European Matsubayashi-ryu Karate-do members to stand up together and cooperate to overcome many problems ahead and proceed to bright future of EMKA and WMKA.

The new executive members are as follow.

1. President: Yoshitaka Taira (Hanshi 10th Dan)
2. Vice President: Toshimitsu Arakaki (Hanshi 10th Dan)
3. Chairman of Board: Iwao Tome (Hanshi 9th Dan)
4. Overseas Manager: Riki Nomura (3rd Dan)
5. Secretary: Masato Nagamine (5th Dan)
6. Accountant: Mayumi Horikawa (5th Dan)

Sincerely Yours

**President Yoshitaka Taira
World Matsubayashi-ryu Karate-do Association**

Remarks

1. Every members of EMKA can contact President Yoshitaka Taira directly.
But if it is in English, it is preferable to post or E-mail to P.O.C. Mr. Riki Nomura.
He will study them and report to the President.

(1) Point of Contact from overseas (P.O.C.)

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- (2) If you have any question you can address to President Yoshitaka Taira,
But mail to P.O.C.

2. We are still discussing what is the best way to cooperate with overseas members.
You can keep the agreement you have with Soke now, but please hold any payment until we contact you later.

This will be the end of announcement. Thank you very much.

I wish you the best in your karate practice and in everyday life!