

May 1, 2020

*The Announcement from president Yoshitaka Taira*

***The COVID-19 and the postponement of the Memorial Events for founder Shoshin Nagamine in Okinawa***

*Dear WMKA members around the world*

*The COVID-19 is still spreading and is on the rampage around world. We are forced to know the tragic up-to-date conditions around the world on both TV and Newspaper every day and night. The world still seems like it is under a GLOBAL COVID-19 LOCKDOWN. Japan is under a nationwide state of emergency and Okinawa is listed as the 14<sup>th</sup> worst area among 47 prefectures in Japan based on the positive infection rate per capita. What is worse, it seems nobody including pandemic specialists around the world can predict when this COVID-19 PANDEMIC will become quiet and we will be back to the previous normal daily life again.*

*Considering the current heartbreaking condition and the unknown virus activity, we have decided to postpone “The Memorial Monument Unveiling & Celebration for founder Shoshin Nagamine and Karate-Do International Seminar & Exchange Martial Arts 2020” until 2021. We value the most our policy “Nuchi-du Takara” which means “Life is a Treasure”. We considered and re-considered in order to reach this decision. We believe it is the best way to protect WMKA members around the world and to help everyone who are wondering about the trip to Okinawa, spiritually, physically and economically to fight with COVID-19. Please cancel your travel arrangements. To all those who have already booked the trip to Okinawa, we are very sorry. We will closely monitor the COVID-19 progression and will post the new schedule when it is safe to welcome you all here again. We hope we can meet many of you in Okinawa in 2021. Please stay at home to protect yourself and the people around you. We will follow the same policy in Okinawa.*

*We pray for your good health and that the COVID-19 will be wiped out around the world as quick as possible.*

*Best Regards*

*Yoshitaka Taira*

*President of WMKA*

Please note the attached pandemic information on next page.

COVID-19 Corona virus Pandemic <Last updated status May 1, 2020 08:08 GMT>

<Total Corona virus cases 3,318,455 and Total Deaths 234,253>

No	Country Name	Total Cases	Total Deaths	No	Country Name	Total cases	Total deaths
1	Japan	14,088	430	10	Netherlands	39,316	4,795
2	Australia	6,766	93	11	New Zealand	1,479	19
3	Canada	53,236	3,184	12	Norway	7,738	210
4	Cuba	1,501	61	13	Spain	239,639	24,543
5	United Kingdom	171,253	26,771	14	USA	1,095,304	63,871
6	France	167,178	24,371	15	Argentina	4,428	218
7	Germany	163,009	6,623	16	Uruguay	634	17
8	India	35,043	1,154	17	Brazil	87,187	6,006
9	Ireland	20,612	1,232	18	Chile	16,023	227

<Remarks>

1. I borrowed one of the Website released information just to show the countries of WMKA members around the world.
2. The order of the countries is based on the WMKA Website Dojo Page country order.
3. If you find any mistakes in the table, please correct it and let us know it.