

## New Overseas Manager in Okinawa

### ***Dear WMKA Members around the world***

We are announcing the New overseas manager, Mr Daichi Sakamoto from the Taira dojo under president Yoshitaka Taira. He will start to work as New overseas manager starting April 1, the date for Japanese Fiscal year 2023.

Please communicate with Mr Daichi Sakamoto instead of Mr Riki Nomura starting April 1st. We hope you will cooperate and support him the same as you did for his predecessor. The information for the New overseas manager is as below:

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Mr. Sakamoto may also be contacted by telephone and other communication services.

### ***Quote from Mr. Daichi Sakamoto:***

Dear Dojo Owners!

My name is Daichi SAKAMOTO, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan trainee at Taira Dojo. During my 4 years at Taira Dojo, I learned a lot... not only techniques, but also mentality, philosophy, and way of life.

In order to support lessons for WMKA members at Taira Dojo, I studied Karate-do, human anatomy and sports science in English. Those experiences made me discover a new horizon. Then, I considered that I would like to contribute something back to WMKA. Thus, It is my honour to receive the offer.

At the same time, I have confirmed and recognized Mr Nomura's great achievements over the past 7 years. So, I will struggle as well as possible. If you have any advice or opinions, please inform me. This will make me improve rapidly. Then, I hope your WMKA experience will be better as well.

*Douzo Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu.*

Sincerely,

Daichi SAKAMOTO

**The predecessor** *Mr Riki Nomura was the first overseas manager right after the sudden passing away of Soke Takayoshi Nagamine on April 25, 2012. He once left WMKA in 2015 May but reinstated his previous position from January 2019 to March 2023. He will leave WMKA after the Okinawa Headquarters General meeting will be over to close Fiscal year 2022.*

*We thank him for his over 7 years contribution to work for WMKA.*

### ***Quote from Mr Riki Nomura:***

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support. I always tried to communicate with you based on the facts and to arrange a win-win approach and solution for both sides, overseas and Okinawa. Though it

may not be good enough, it is OK for me so long as I did my best. I worked on paperwork over 11 years, 4 years as secretary and 7 years as overseas manager. I had to spend much time to handle my duty because of my poor English ability. But at the same time, it kicked my brain and heart to stimulate my retirement sleeping mind and body. It gave me both pressure and also valuable experiences in my life.

Though I couldn't continue my karate because of my backache trouble, I hope you will take care of your health and continue your karate life for the future. Sooner or later, everyone has to resign from their bread earning job because of age. But you don't need to retire from karate life as long as your mind and body are positive and healthy.

I hope you all will enjoy your daily and karate life in your future!

**From:**

**Okinawa General Headquarters**