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Announcement from WMKA president Yoshitaka Taira

WMKA 2020 Worldwide Virtual Event and Memorial Tribute to Grandmaster Shoshin Nagamine

Dear WMKA members,

The COVID-19 disease (Corona virus) is still hurting many people around the world. I hope all of you and the people around you are not affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are glad to announce the “WMKA 2020 Worldwide Virtual Event and Memorial Tribute to Grandmaster Shoshin Nagamine” which will be held twice on November 1st at 8:00 am and 8:00 pm Okinawa local time. November 1st was the originally scheduled date for “The Memorial Monument Unveiling & Celebration for Founder Shoshin Nagamine” in Okinawa. All Events were postponed to 2021.



We are very thankful for all WMKA members around the world because “WMKA 2020 Worldwide Virtual Event and Memorial Tribute to Grandmaster Shoshin Nagamine” was proposed by overseas members not from Okinawa.

First Zoom Online Workout: November 1st 8:00 am Okinawa time

The 8 am event will feature a speech and special karate instruction by WMKA president Yoshitaka Taira (Hanshi 10th dan).

Second Zoom Online Workout: November 1st 8:00 pm Okinawa time.

The 8 pm event will feature a speech and special Karate instruction by Vice-president Toshimitsu Arakaki (Hanshi 10th dan).

Please refer to your time zone and select your convenient time to participate for either the 8 am or the 8 pm event according to your country’s location. Dojo owners and their students are welcome to participate in BOTH SESSIONS. Some will only be able to make it to one of the sessions based on their time zones, but both sessions are open to all dojo owners and their students!

All dojo owners will be mailed registration information and Zoom Links.

The registration links will be provided to you by your Sensei/Dojo Owner.

Note to Dojo Owners- Event registration will be only for WMKA/EMKA member dojos and the students of WMKA/EMKA Dojos. Please share the registration links only with your students. If you do not receive your link by October 4th, 2020, please contact WMKA website administrator Fred Schlesinger senseishinbukanrr@gmail.com

Please watch the WMKA Website “News” for further details coming soon!

The most valuable policy is “Nuchi-du Takara” in Okinawan dialect, which means “Life is a Treasure”.

Please refer to the following safety policy in your daily life and attend the Zoom online Workout.

Please follow the Covid-19 safety instruction in your country and your local municipality. Please refer to the attached “Avoid The Three Cs!” issued by the Japanese Government for preventing Covid-19 if you think it will help with your precautions.

Although we don't want to see and hear about Covid-19 infections and deaths, we do have to know the current situation to protect ourselves and the people around us. Therefore, we posted the table of Covid-19 status.

We expect to meet you at November 1st “Zoom Online Workouts” on November 1, 2020 (Okinawa date) and “The Memorial Monument Unveiling and Celebration for Shoshin Nagamine in Okinawa” next year.

Best Regards,
Yoshitaka Taira, President of the WMKA

*COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic <Last updated status September 22, 2020>
Total Coronavirus cases 31,480,487 and Total Deaths 969,237*

No	Country Name	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Deaths/ M	No	Country Name	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Deaths/ M
1	Okinawa	2,358	45	31	11	Netherlands	95,995	6,281	366
2	Japan	79,140	1,500	12	12	New Zealand	1,815	25	5
3	Australia	26,912	851	33	13	Norway	13,005	267	49
4	Canada	145,415	9,228	244	14	Spain	671,468	30,663	656
5	Cuba	5,141	116	10	15	USA	7,046,216	204,506	617
6	United Kingdom	398,625	41,788	615	16	Argentina	640,147	13,482	298
7	France	458,061	31,338	480	17	Uruguay	1,927	46	13
8	Germany	275,551	9,481	113	18	Brazil	4,560,083	137,350	645
9	India	5,560,105	88,965	64	19	Chile	447,468	12,298	642
10	Ireland	33,121	1,792	362					

*M=Million population

Remarks:

1. I borrowed from a website released status information to show the situation of the countries of WMKA member 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 let us know.
4. Refer to the attached leaflet: Avoid the “Three Cs“ !



Three masters (L-R Tōme sensei • Taira sensei • Arakaki sensei) at Okinawa Prefectural Hall Of Martial Arts during The Memorial Karate-do Events for Soke Takayoshi Nagamine in 2014

世界松林流空手道連盟創立の周年記念式典・宗家、会長 長嶺将真先生の歳生年祝賀会

世界松林流空手道連盟総本部

宗家・会長 長嶺将真85歳記念に長男高兆との組手演武

Memorial picture for the 85th year party of Grand Master Shoshin Nagamine and Master Takayoshi Nagamine. Kumite action. Photo was taken on 1 September 1991.



Memorial picture for the 85th year party of Grand Master Shoshin Nagamine and Soke Takayoshi Nagamine on September 1st 1991

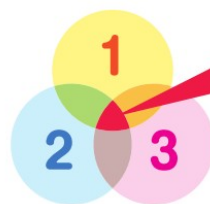
Important notice for preventing COVID-19 outbreaks.

Avoid the “Three Cs”!

1. **Closed spaces** with poor ventilation.
2. **Crowded places** with many people nearby.
3. **Close-contact settings** such as close-range conversations.



One of the key measures against COVID-19 is to prevent occurrence of clusters. Keep these “Three Cs” from overlapping in daily life.



The risk of occurrence of clusters is particularly high when the “Three Cs” overlap!

In addition to the “Three Cs,” items used by multiple people should be cleaned with disinfectant.

