

Thank you message from Okinawa

Dear WMKA members

I hope everything is well with you in your countries. We are always grateful for your support and cooperation with Okinawa headquarters. I was able to keep working as an overseas manager because of your help and support. At this time however, I reluctantly have to resign as current overseas manager and leave the WMKA.

I had my backache surgery in February 2013. Although I tried to resume my karate practice a few times, it never worked out and I have to give up my karate and leave the WMKA.

I have been working as secretary starting in 2008 and then as an overseas manager since 2012. I tried to be a bridge between Okinawa and overseas including the mainland of Japan and always reported only the facts to both side. I also tried to propose a "Win-Win" approach and solutions for both overseas and Okinawa because I was very close to both of them as an overseas manager. Though, I didn't know if it was good enough for both side, I did my best.

I just happened to be present within three big occasions for Okinawa and WMKA members during this period. The biggest and saddest incidence was the sudden passing away of Soke Takayoshi Nagamine on April 25, 2012. It was shocking and unbelievable news not only for WMKA members around the world but also for all of our karate society in Okinawa. Nobody can fill his Vacancy!

The second event was "The Ceremony of the 75th Foundation Anniversary of World Matsubayashi-Ryu Karate-Do & the 13th Memorial Karate-Do Demonstration for Grand Master the Late Shoshin Nagamine" in 2010.

The third event was "The Memorial Karate-Do Seminar & Exchange Demonstration 2014 for Soke Takayoshi Nagamine in Okinawa". Both events were very successful because of your support and cooperation.

I want to thank you all from bottom of my heart. I also request your full cooperation with Mr. Manabu Kinjo who is the new overseas manager after me. I want you contact with him starting today. His email address is karate-matsubayashi@pdt-duo.com

.Although I gave up my karate and am leaving the WMKA, I will enjoy the WMKA Website as one of its visitors.

I pray for you and WMKA the best and prosperous future!

Sincerely yours
Riki Nomura