

AYNSW May 2009 Newsletter

Hello everyone.
Here is the AYNWS Newsletter for May.

Grading Results

Congratulations to those students who tested on Sat. May 3rd & Friday May 15th Results are below:

8th kyu Senior

David Tsai
Nathan Smith
Sara Bryant

7th kyu Senior

Matthew Cole
John Whatman
Andy Lam
Michael Bui
Gus Hill
Simon Diong

6th kyu Senior

Arthur Kogan
Claire Holloway

Next grading will take place Sat. June 27th.

Takeno Sensei Thanks

Thank you to everyone for their support over the Easter Weekend Seminar and Demonstration. It was a great success and fantastic turnout, and a true testament to the dedication people have to Yoshinkan Aikido.

Takeno Sensei and Nakagawa Sensei were impressed with the overall level of the participants and their enthusiasm for aikido. Everyone could see the depth of their technique and passion for it; it was inspiring and motivating.

Once again a big thank you to all, especially Joe Thambu Sensei and his students from Aikido Shudokan Melbourne who are always promoting and supporting Yoshinkan Aikido events in Australia.

Photos and video of the event will be uploaded to the website soon. We look forward to the next event and training again with everyone!

Public Holiday Schedule

Please note the dojo will be shut on the following public holiday:

- Monday June 8th Queen's Birthday

Inoue Kyoichi Hanshi and Chida Tsutomu Shihan Malaysia Seminar

Inoue Kyoichi Hanshi (9th Dan), former Headmaster of Yoshinkan Honbu and Chida Tsutomu Shihan (8th Dan), former Chief Instructor, will be conducting a series of clinics in Malaysia over a 3-day seminar in June.

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AIKIDO MASTERS SCHOOL

Legend and Transmission

Malaysia Camp

Featuring

KYOICHI INOUE 9th DAN

TSUTOMU CHIDA 8th

DAN

Former Yoshinkan Head Master

Former Yoshinkan Chief Instructor



SABURO TAKASHIMA Sensei 5th DAN

Former Uchideshi at Yoshinkan Honbu



PHOTO: Hinata Haga

Join us for a 3-day Seminar and Clinic featuring world famous top Aikido instructors in the beautiful resort area of Port Dickson beach, just outside of Kuala Lumpur! We will have classes filled with dynamic Aikido techniques, and clinics focusing on the essence and philosophy of the art. We have also prepared a 3 day vacation plan in Redang Island, one of Malaysia's most beautiful resorts !

Schedule

June

11th (Thu)	Le Paris hotel (Port Dickson) check in	Dinner with Senseis and all participants
12th (Fri)	Clinics and Seminars	Dinner at Local Chinese restaurant
13th (Sat)	Clinics and Seminars	BBQ party
14th (Sun)	Clinics and Seminars, Demo	Party at the hotel
15th (Mon)	Redang Resort island	
16th (Tue)	Redang	BBQ party
17th (Wed)	Redang back to KL	Farewell party
18th (Thu)	We will be dismissed at the hotel in KL	

Plan A 750 USD (7 nights 8 days)

**3-day Seminar in Port Dickson plus 3 days on the island,
Food, hotel (7 nights) all included**

Plan B 550 USD (4 nights 5 days) Same as above without the additional 3 days on the island.

*** However, note that airline ticket and transportation fee to the hotel is NOT included in either of the plans. Also, rooms will be shared by 2 to 3 people. We can offer you a private room for an additional cost of 200 USD.**

Seminar location

LE PARIS HOTEL AND RESORT PORT DICKSON

**(Formerly Known as Costa Rica Hotel & Apartments Port Dickson Beach Resort)
No 325, Batu 1 Jalan Rumah Rehat, 71000 Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia
TEL: 06-6479999 ext 2028**

(Less than 1 hour from Malaysia International Airport by taxi, cost 90 ringits or 30 USD)

Redan Resort Island



Redan Island is one of the most beautiful islands in Malaysia. We'll spend there 3 days, enjoying such activities as snorkeling, swimming, BBQ-ing and more. Hope you can make the best of what Mother Nature has to offer in Malaysia.

For more information and to request an application form please contact Saburo Takashima at stakashima2002@yahoo.co.jp

Contact

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Restraint and Removal Seminar Sydney 2009

AYNSW is excited to announce that it will once again host Joe Thambu Sensei (7th Dan Yoshinkan Aikido) Founder and Chief Instructor of Aikido Shudokan in Melbourne, for his internationally renown Restraint & Removal Seminar. This seminar places the everyday concepts and structures of Yoshinkan Aikido and applies them into practical self defense. This seminar is very popular amongst people working in the security industry, but is also extremely beneficial to anyone training martial arts. For a full bio of Joe Sensei please visit

http://www.aikidoshudokan.com/australia_neo/?page_id=6

The seminar will be held over the last weekend in August, so please mark your calendar! More details will be forthcoming.

Roseville Girls College Seminar

AYNSW has been invited back to Roseville Girls College to run an introduction to aikido and self-defense seminar on Thursday June 25 in the morning. There will be about 90 students attending in 2-3 groups through the morning. If you are available and would like to assist please see AYNSW reception for more details.

Hansei (Reflections)

The 13 years I spent at Yoshinkan Honbu were always interesting and different. Each year there would be 2-3 famous visitors to the dojo and often included TV events. One in which I was lucky enough to be involved with was a visit by the famous professional sumo wrestler Mainoumi.

Mainoumi had become quite a sporting identity in Japan as he was the smallest professional sumo at that time. In fact he had initially failed the height requirements when he attempted to transfer from amateur class to professional. To overcome this he sought out a doctor to inject silicone into his scalp and give him the extra height he needed. He is about 10 cm shorter than me but very solid with powerful legs. His most famous bout was bringing down Akebono, another very famous wrestler, who is 204 cm and about 200kg.

Mainoumi had come to the dojo to study aikido to give him an edge in his sumo career. Inoue Sensei was the assigned teacher and I was an assistant at the side. It was interesting to see the respect that Mainoumi gave everybody in the dojo. He was a famous professional sumo who was considered an ambassador of the sport. His manner and demeanor were serious, and he applied himself diligently to learning and understanding the basics of Yoshinkan Aikido.

One of the things I learnt from experiences like this is that while we can easily see differences in approach and execution of techniques, it is more positive to look for the similarities.

Sumo and aikido are quite different martial arts, yet through the common bond of approaching each as budo there was immediate respect and appreciation for the art. I cannot say to what degree Mainoumi utilized what he trained, but I could infer from the way he spoke with us that he genuinely admired the commitment teachers and students had made to the art. This tended to be a common theme as dignitaries from Japanese commerce, politics, and media visited the dojo. They could sense the commitment, the determination and persistence that teachers and students bring as they try to perfect the movements and techniques. This is the essence of budo and lends itself to self development.

One cannot really gain value in budo training unless they are prepared to self analyze and admit to weaknesses within their techniques. The training is a constant process of building up and stripping down, always self evaluating and improving. Through it we find both the joy of improvement, tempered with the knowledge that it can always be done a little bit better.

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Regards,
Peggy & Darren

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