

“DOJO BY THE SEA” OPEN SEMINAR OF TOMIKI AIKIDO

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Fumiaki Shishida, 8th Dan

He is the Shihan of the Japan Aikido Association and the president of Waseda University Aikido Club (WUAC).

He is a Professor of Intellectual History of the Japanese Martial Arts at Waseda University and author of several works on the subject. He obtained his doctoral degree from Waseda University in 2003. He won the Japan Society of Sport History prize in 2006 for his book "The Educational Strength of Japanese Budo: The Budo Training at Kenkoku University in Manchukuo (in Japanese)". He is also the primary author of "Aikido Course" (second author Tetsuro Nariyama), the English translation is titled Aikido Tradition and the Competitive Edge (ISBN 978-0-9647083-2-7). He has also compiled and edited a series of essays by Kenji Tomiki under the title "Budo Ron".

Tadayuki Sato, 6th Dan

He started to practice Judo from an infant at Yoshin-kan dojo in Hamamatsu, Japan. The Shihan was Gohachiro Sato, his father. He was Kenji Tomiki's judo mate at Waseda University Judo Club. Therefore Tadayuki Sato was lucky enough to learn both Judo and Aikido under two great instructors. Tadayuki Sato entered Waseda University and became the captain of WUAC in 1977 and won the student individual Randori Championship in 1980. He is very respected by many aikido instructors because he can explain the relationship between Judo and Aikido with concrete demonstrations. He is now the Shihan of WUAC, Kisui-kan, Shido-kan and many other clubs around the world.



Led by WASEDA UNIVERSITY'S SENIOR INSTRUCTORS



Waseda University (founded in 1883) is one of two top private universities in Japan. Professor Kenji Tomiki studied there and practiced Judo at the Judo Club while he had been learning Aiki-Jujutsu under Master Morihei Ueshiba in pre-war days. In 1958, Tomiki, Shihan of the Judo Club, established an Aikido Club independently from the Judo Club at Waseda University. It was the first Aikido club that he was strongly committed to and put all his energy on aikido as he was the professor of the institute of physical education at Waseda University. The main members of WUAC, like Mr Kitayama and Mr Yamaguchi, sometimes taught aikido outside the university at clubs in Tokyo where Tomiki visited. Tomiki successfully established the system of Aiki-Randori with the students. It is said that WUAC is the home of Tomiki Aikido.



Shogo Yamaguchi, 8th Dan

He is a director of the Tomiki Aikido International Network (TAIN). He drew up the first agreement of TAIN when TAIN was launched. He started to practice Aikido in 1967 at WUAC and became the vice-captain. He won some Randori bouts at the first student aikido competition at Tokyo, in 1970. He was appointed to supervise WUAC from 1987 to 1991. He has been running as the president of the Kisui-kan dojo in Tokyo.



Masanobu Kitayama, 5th Dan

He started to learn aikido at Waseda University Aikido Club (WUAC) in April, 1965. He was the great captain of the club in his fourth year as a student when Shihan Shishida was a freshman there. Shihan Kenji Tomiki awarded him 4th Dan praising his gift and energetic activity when he graduated. He was appointed to supervise WUAC from 1973 through 1976 while he worked at the Kaneka, one of the large companies in Japan. Now he teaches aikido at the Waseda (Non-Profit Organization) Club.