

## Announcement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Okinawa Traditional Karate and Kobudo Worldwide Seminar

To Karate Enthusiasts around the World

We would like to invite you to Okinawa, the birthplace of karate, to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Okinawa Traditional Karate and Kobudo Worldwide Seminar.

Okinawa traditional karate-do, our original cultural heritage, is today internationally recognized. Okinawa Prefectural Government is currently working on projects to inform the world of karate's origins, encouraging people to learn its essential elements. In order to achieve this goal, it is also constructing the Karate-do Hall (tentative name), a center for learning karate. By doing so, we hope to reinforce further the popularity of Okinawa traditional karate-do.

Okinawa Prefectural Government and the Advancement of Traditional Okinawa Karate are working together to host an Okinawa Traditional Karate and Kobudo Worldwide Seminar, covering all *ryu-ha* (styles), from July 14 to July 19, 2014.

The seminar offered last year was successful and many karate enthusiasts from inside and outside of the country learned the essence and diversity of karate, which exists across all *ryu-ha*.

The seminar was highly appraised by the participants, whose comments included, "I'm very impressed to have received training from famous karate masters" and "I got to try different karate *ryu-ha* and appreciate the differences."

This seminar also offers special programs taught by masters of the major *ryu-ha* of Okinawa traditional karate: Shorin-Ryu styles (Shorin-Ryu, Shorin-Ryu known as Kobayashi, Shorin-Ryu known as Matsubayashi, and Shorinji-Ryu), Goju-Ryu, Uechi-Ryu, and Kobudo.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome as many karate enthusiasts as possible from inside and outside of Japan.

Event: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Okinawa Traditional Karate and Kobudo Worldwide Seminar

Place: Okinawa Prefectural Budokan Arena Building (Onoyama Park Budokan Arena)  
52 Yamashita-cho, Onoyama, Naha City, Okinawa

Application period: from April 30 to June 30, 2014

Application: apply through the official website at [www.karate-otkk.jp](http://www.karate-otkk.jp) (application available from April 30)

Fee: 20,000 yen

Participants: Up to 300 people

Contents: Shorin-Ryu styles (Shorin-Ryu, Shorin-Ryu known as Kobayashi, Shorin-Ryu known as Matsubayashi, and Shorinji-Ryu), Goju-Ryu, Uechi-Ryu, and Kobudo Training

Host: Okinawa Prefectural Government and the Advancement of Traditional Okinawa Karate

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The Advancement of Traditional Okinawa Karate Head Office

The schedule for the seminar will be uploaded on the official homepage. For details, visit [www.karate-otkk.jp](http://www.karate-otkk.jp)

Information on visas and other documents

- An invitation letter in order to apply for a visa can be provided by the Advancement of Traditional Okinawa Karate.
- We do not issue identification cards.