



August 31, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

I trust everyone is in good spirits and enjoying the current season. I am writing today with news about KWF.

After personal deliberation, Assistant Chief Instructor Isaka has decided to resign from KWF as of August 31, 2016. After having contributed to establishing KWF, Isaka Sensei assisted me as an outstanding Assistant Chief Instructor for some 16 years, faithfully fulfilling his duties in this position. Going forward, Isaka Sensei has decided to follow his own individual path in Karate without reference to an organizational framework.

Even though Isaka Sensei is amicably separating from KWF, the two of us will of course maintain our strong relationship. Isaka Sensei and I share the goal of dedicating our lives to mastering Karate; this commitment will surely deepen.

Accordingly, I ask KWF members and others to support the "Isaka Karate Seminar" with a view to contributing to make it a success.

Respectfully,

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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to follow up Yahara Sensei's letter sent today.

To provide background, I first became a Karate professional so as to share JKA techniques, which I further refined over 50 years, nowhere more so than in the outstanding environment I have been blessed with during the past 16 years at KWF.

After personal reflection, I recently discussed with Yahara Sensei that I felt it was the time of life for me to reconsider belonging to any organization such as KWF or JKA. This does not mean I will retire like a professional athlete, but going forward will follow an individual path (see attached article). A professional must guard against feeling self-satisfied. I believe Yahara Sensei understands my feelings.

Establishing Isaka Karate Seminar: I will henceforth hold organizationally unaffiliated Isaka Karate Seminars, which will offer technical guidance and take place two or three times a year in Japan or abroad. The seminars will be open to all regardless of affiliation. The Isaka Karate Seminar homepage will be accessible on September 1.

I refined my techniques at KWF, where I benefited from the truly exceptional environment Yahara Sensei created. As a professional, I can say that this environment and Yahara Sensei's consideration have been outstanding. While perhaps pretentious to say, I feel Yahara Sensei and I together developed certain techniques. Importantly, Yahara Sensei introduced me to his unique Three Principles of Power, or Santen Rikkiho, in which he distills the essence of Yahara Karate at KWF.

Technical content of proposed seminars: This will include: 1. Techniques specific to JKA; 2. Physical training method necessary in various karate styles; 3. Basics needed to study KWF's Three Principles of Power (Santen Rikkiho) as created by Yahara Sensei.

The time I spent at KWF is made memorable by Yahara Sensei's venerable leadership and charisma. While continuing independently, I am forever indebted to Yahara Sensei. I will of course help out at future KWF events and anticipate I will have the opportunity to work with everyone again.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Respectfully,

Akihito Isaka
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