



Message from The Present Doshu - Moriteru Ueshiba Doshu

Let me express congratulations on the 35th Anniversary of your presence in Malaysia.

At the request of His Excellency Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'kub, the Chief Minister of Sarawak, the late Second Aikido Doshu Kisshomaru Ueshiba selected Jun Yamada Shihan and dispatched him to Malaysia with a mission to spread Aikido in the country. I am deeply impressed to know that thirty-five years have already passed since then, and that, during that time, Yamada Shihan, residing in Kuala Lumpur, the Capital of Malaysia, established the **Akademi Aikido Jyuku-Aikikai Malaysia**.

I am very pleased to realise that Yamada Shihan is faithfully doing his duty, widely taking active roles in developing Aikido both within and without Malaysia.

This year, 2007, is "Japan-Malaysia Friendship Year 2007" and tentative events are scheduled both in Japan and Malaysia.

On this precious occasion of the 35th Anniversary, which is an important milestone for Aikido and your good self, I wish for the prosperity of the **Akademi Aikido Jyuku - Aikikai Malaysia**, and pray that its future may always be promising and, at the same time, that friendship between Japan and Malaysia may become stronger through Aikido.

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Moriteru Ueshiba Aikido Doshu

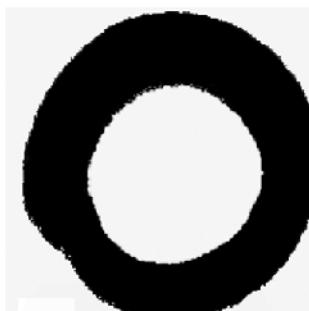


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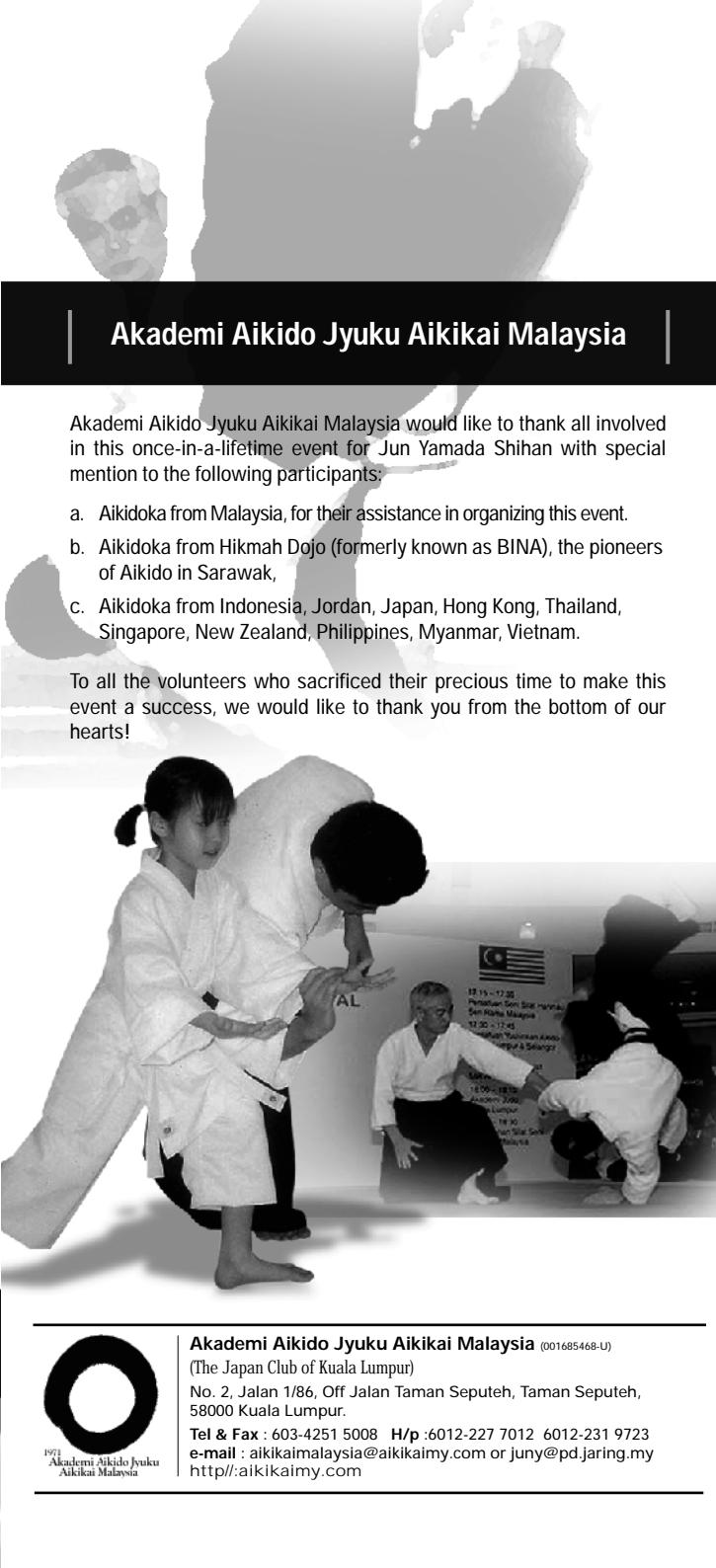
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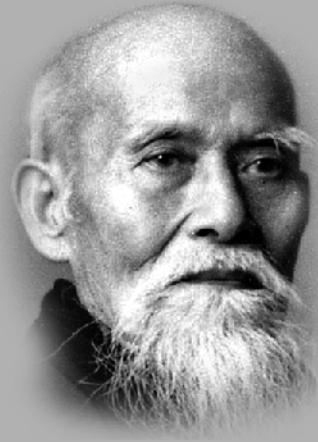
Instructors : Masatake Fujita Sensei and Hiroshi Somemiya Sensei from Hombu Dojo, Motohiro Fukakusa Sensei from Thailand, Nobuo Takase Sensei from New Zealand and other instructors from Japan

1st Sept (Sat)
Seminar Sessions 1, 2, 3 & 4 from 2PM

2nd Sept (Sun)
Seminar Session 5, 6 & 7 (9AM -)
& Dinner Party (7PM -)



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Introduction of **Akademi Aikido Jyuku Aikikai Malaysia**

Jun Yamada was dispatched in 1971 by the late Kisshomaru Ueshiba Doshu to develop Aikido in Malaysia.

Yamada Shihan started teaching at Rumah Sarawak, the official residence of the then Chief Minister of Sarawak, YA Bhg Tun Abdul-Rahman Ya'kub, under the name of Aikikai Malaysia. In 2001, Shihan moved to Kuala Lumpur for the further development of Aikido in Peninsular Malaysia. Akademi Aikido Jyuku Aikikai Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur is recognized by the Aikikai Foundation and Aikido World Headquarters (Hombu Dojo, the official governing body of Aikido) in Japan.

Today, Yamada Shihan continues to carry out his mission of developing Aikido, as what he did when he first step foot on Malaysian soil 35 years ago.



May 1973





Message from the Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia - H.E. Tadashi Imai

On this auspicious year as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the diplomatic relations

Between Japan and Malaysia, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to Akademi Aikido Jyuku-Aikikai Malaysia for commemorating this special occasion by initiating the Japan-Malaysia Aikido Friendship Year as well as celebrating its 35 years of establishment in this great country.

The word Aikido is made up of three Chinese characters: "Ai": to meet or join together; "Ki": energy or spirit; "Do": path or road. Combined together, Aikido can loosely be translated as a path one follows in the practice of uniting one's energy or spirit. Aikido is a holistic endeavour that not only incorporates physical self-defence techniques, but also emphasizes the development of positive human qualities, hence improving the individual and society as a whole.

In this connection, the Japan-Malaysia Aikido Friendship Year is an excellent opportunity to develop our relations in the cultural field. I sincerely hope that this two-day event will cultivate the future generations of aikidoka or aikido athletes that will grow and continue to exchange with each other across the borders of different nationalities and organizations. I am certain that the participants will touch the spirits of aikido or deep their understanding toward the spirits by appreciating the masters' beautiful posture, dignity and elegance of their movements and even be able to draw inspirations to develop human nature.

The Japan-Malaysia Friendship Year 2007 is an excellent opportunity to develop our relations in various field. I envisage a future that will take our relations to a higher level, playing greater roles and tackling various challenges from the global perspectives.



Message from the Former Chief Minister and Governor of Sarawak - Y.A. Bhg. Tun Abdul-Rahman Ya'kub

Aikido merupakan salah satu seni mempertahankan diri yang berasal dari Negara Jepun. Nama Aikido yang tidak asing lagi bagi kita, telah bertapak di

Malaysia semenjak 1971. Pada tahun itulah Hombu Dojo, di bawah pimpinan Master Morihei Ueshiba, Tokyo, menghantar muridnya mengajar Aikido pada mula-mulanya di Kuching, Sarawak.

Saya telah pergi dalam satu rombongan ke Jepun pada awal 1971. Semasa lawatan itu, saya telah berkunjung ke Hombu Dojo iaitu tempat latihan dan ibu pejabat Aikido di Tokyo. Saya begitu tertarik sekali melihat langkah dan pergerakan serta falsafah seni mempertahankan diri Jepun ini. Dalam pertemuan ini saya telah berjumpa guru dan pencipta Aikido, Master Morihei Ueshiba untuk meminta salah seorang muridnya untuk mengajar Aikido di Malaysia.

Sekembali saya dari Jepun, saya telah mengambil keputusan untuk memperkenalkan Aikido di Malaysia. Maka pada tahun 1971, Jun Yamada telah dihantar untuk mengajar Aikido di negeri Sarawak. Murid-murid pertama terdiri daripada belia-belia Islam dalam Angkatan Nahdzatul-Islam Bersatu (BINA) Sarawak yang beribu pejabat di Kuching. Aikido telah mendapat sambutan begitu baik sehingga pada tahun 1972, Miss Kimiko telah dihantar oleh Master Kishomaru untuk membantu Jun Yamada.

Pada tahun 1972, suatu kenangan yang tidak akan dapat dilupakan ialah dimana kedua-dua tenaga pengajar dari Negara Jepun ini iaitu Jun Yamada dan Kimiko telah memeluk agama Islam dan melangsungkan perkahwinan mereka di kediaman rasmi Ketua Menteri. Saya pada ketika itu adalah Ketua Menteri Sarawak.

Bermula dari situlah Aikido mula berkembang dan mendapat sambutan yang begitu baik hingga ke hari ini. Aikido berkembang di Kuala Lumpur dan di Bandung. Anak lelaki Jun Yamada dan Kimiko bernama Suhaimi (Atsushi), mengembang Aikido di Bandung, Indonesia sambil dia menuntut ilmu agama Islam disana di Universiti Islam Bandung.

Saya tertarik dengan falsafah Aikido iaitu pengamal Aikido hendaklah berusaha untuk menjadikan mereka yang melawan pesilat Aikido sebagai kawan. Dengan seberapa boleh pengamal silat Aikido diajar supaya tidak mencederakan lawan mereka dalam pertarungan. Memadailah seorang lawan itu dikalahkan dan kemudian dimaafkan.



Message from the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department - Y.B. Dato Sri Effendi Norwawi

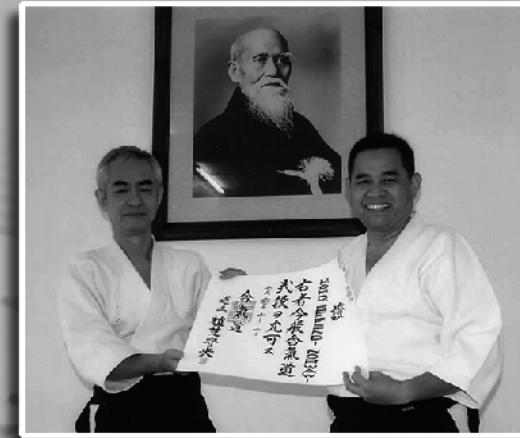
I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Akademi Aikido Jyuku-Aikikai Malaysia for the 35th anniversary of the establishment of Jun Yamada Shihan in Malaysia.

I am also pleased to note that this auspicious occasion coincides with the Malaysia - Japan Friendship Year 2007.

Aikido is an ancient Japanese art of self-defence. Since my involvement in Aikido in 2001, I have found that even though its traditions and practices are centuries-old, it has many benefits to the twenty-first century lifestyle. Aikido commands the concentration of the mind, body and spirits. In this regard, Aikido's philosophy lends itself well to Malaysia's efforts to build a well-balanced, healthy and active society.

I am confident that Aikido will continue to receive much support in Malaysia. This augurs well for the enhancement of the already strong and friendly friendship between our two countries.

Thank you.



Message from Aikido Shihan (7th Dan) - Jun Yamada

I would like to thank the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia for sponsoring this Aikido event as part of the Malaysia-Japan Friendship Year 2007, a year which also marks Malaysia's 50th year of independence.

I am deeply grateful to my long-time instructors from Hombu Dojo, Masatake Fujita Sensei and Hiroshi Somemiya Sensei; Motohiro Fukakusa Sensei from Thailand; and Nobuo Takase Sensei from New Zealand for coming here to share their knowledge and experience as instructors of Aikido in the seminars that will be held over the 1st and 2nd of September.

For their strong support and continued encouragement, I would also like to thank the following dignitaries in Malaysia: YA Bhg Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'kub (former Chief Minister of Sarawak), and his wife Toh Puan Siti Maemunah, YB Dato Sri (Dr) Mohd Effendi Norwawi (Minister in the Prime Minister's Department), YB Dato' Azalina Binti Dato' Othman (Minister of Youth and Sports), His Excellency Mr Tadashi Imai (Japan's Ambassador to Malaysia), Mr Kazuyuki Katayama (Minister), and Mr Daisuke Yamamoto (Director of Japan Information Service).

Aikido was founded by the late Morihei Ueshiba (1883 – 1968). In 1955, Aikido was opened to the public and has since seen vast growth not only in Japan but all around the world. Today, the Aikido Foundation based in Japan plays a core role in the development of Aikido.

In 1971, YB Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'kub, requested Hombu Dojo in Japan to dispatch an Aikido instructor to Kuching, Sarawak. That was the beginning of my life in Malaysia. Thirty years later, in August 2001, I moved to Kuala Lumpur for the further development of Aikido. Presently, I am proud to lead Aikido development throughout Malaysia with international requests to conduct seminars in countries such as Indonesia and Jordan as well.

Besides the cultivation of discipline and a healthier lifestyle, I believe that the most important feature in the practice of Aikido is the development of spiritual growth within individuals. This growth instills confidence, especially in children, and encourages stability while providing a firm perspective that is helpful to facing life's daily challenges.

I believe deeply in my role to continue practicing and promoting Aikido development and through this martial art, am grateful for the opportunity to contribute in further strengthening the relationship between Malaysia and Japan.

