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**Report on JKA-Kuwait
Training Camp with Shihan Okuma Koichiro
25th of October-1st of November, 2019**

"Karate Goes beyond the dojo... O-Sensei Funakoshi Gichin"



The ultimate aim of the art of karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the characters of its participants.

Master Gichin Funakoshi

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JKA-Kuwait held its annual gasshuku under the guidance and supervision of the JKA Tokyo Headquarter Instructor Shihan Okuma Koichiro from the 25th of October to 1st of November, 2019. The training camp event took place in JKA-Kuwait Headquarter Dojo in Holiday Inn/Crowne Plaza Hotel(s) in the State of Kuwait. More than 100 karatekas were trained and supervised under Shihan Koichero Okuma including the grading event of coloured and black belts.

JKA-Kuwait inaugurated this annual activity under one of O-Sensei Funakoshi Gichin important life lessons and principles:

"Karate Goes beyond the dojo"

Karatekas needs to be always respectful to themselves and others, not initiate violence, to be peaceful and wise in their behavior and their first driving motive is to polish their character inside the dojo and to continue doing so outside the dojo to convey peace and positivity to the society.

JKA-Kuwait is a very active karate organization in the State of Kuwait, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Region and in the Middle East. The President and the Chief Instructor of JKA-Kuwait is Shihan Marwan Sultan a 6th Dan karateka. JKA-Kuwait is managed through the president, the general manager and the board members. The board is represented several departments i.e. the Championships and

Qualification Department, the Financial Department, the Complaint Department and the Public Relations Department. JKA-Kuwait have very active dojos branches managed by qualified and certified black belts.

This year gasshuku, as with the previous years, was under Shihan Okuma Koichiro supervision and guidance. Shihan Okuma is a very qualified instructor in JKA-Japan HQ, a world champion and with deep understanding of karate trinity i.e. Kihon, Kata and Kumite. During the Gasshuku, Shihan Okuma covered all the basics and coloured and black belts katas such as the Heians, Bassai Dai, Bassai Sho, Jion, Empi and Jitte. The gasshuku, also, included Kumite training. Shihan Okuma training was highly appreciated by JKA-Kuwait karatekas. They have learned a lot from his deep experience. On the 31st of October, 2019 the grading event, for black belts, took place and several karatekas obtained their higher black belts including two senior karatekas obtaining their 5th Dans i.e. Dr. Ali M. Khuraibet and Mr. Jalil Shaikh Ahmadi.

JKA Kuwait is expanding steadily in Kuwait and in other countries in the Arab Region through mutual cooperation and understanding. The core objectives of JKA-Kuwait is to cooperate fully with JKA, Japan HQ and to present and promote JKA Shotokan Karate to the world in an excellent and ethical manner to promote peace in the world and to create a sustainable future for present and future generations.

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