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JKA TECHNICAL SEMINAR AND DAN GRADING REPORT



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Introduction

The 5th Edition JKA Rwanda Technical Seminar and Dan Grading was successfully held from August 14 to 18, 2024, bringing together karate practitioners from various backgrounds and countries. This year's seminar saw an impressive participation of 98 adults and 231 children, highlighting the growing interest and dedication to karate in the region.

Participation

The seminar attracted a diverse group of participants, including: Total Participants: 329 (98 adults and 231 children)

international delegations

- 3 from the Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC)
- 5 from Kenya
- 2 from Zambia
- 4 from the United Kingdom
- 1 from Sweden
- 5 from Japan
- 1 from South Africa



Instructors

The seminar featured five esteemed masters from Japan and two Guests instructor from South Africa and UK, whose expertise and guidance were instrumental in the training sessions:

Kamino Takahiro
Dr. Nakimchi Koji
Kamino Masaru
Dr. Harano Kazuyoshi
Ogusu Koichi
Rex Ovire
Gombe Daniel

These masters conducted various training sessions, focusing on advanced techniques, kata, kumite, and the philosophical aspects of karate, enriching the experience for all participants.



Seminar Activities

The seminar included a variety of activities designed to cater to different skill levels and age groups. Key highlights included:

Technical Training Sessions: Participants engaged in rigorous training sessions led by the Japanese masters, focusing on improving their karate techniques and understanding of the martial art.

Kata and Kumite Workshops: Specialized workshops were held to refine kata performance and kumite strategies, allowing participants to practice and receive feedback from experienced instructors.

Children's Training Sessions: A dedicated training program for children was successfully implemented, fostering their skills and enthusiasm for karate.

Dan Grading Examination: The seminar culminated in a Dan grading examination, where a total of 29 participants demonstrated their skills. Out of these, 24 participants successfully passed their grading, while 5 did not meet the required standards.

Refereeing and Judges Session: This session provided valuable insights into the rules and regulations of karate competitions, equipping participants with the knowledge needed to officiate matches effectively.



Conclusion

The 5th Edition JKA Rwanda Technical Seminar and Dan Grading was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of unity and collaboration among karate practitioners from different backgrounds. The participation of both local and international sensei enriched the experience for all attendees, providing them with unique insights and techniques.

Acknowledgments

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to: The Japan Karate Association (JKA) for their ongoing support and commitment to the development of karate worldwide.

MINISPORTS for their invaluable partnership and support in organizing this seminar, ensuring a smooth and successful event.

The Japan Embassy for their assistance and encouragement, which played a crucial role in facilitating the participation of the esteemed Japanese instructors.

JKA Sub-Sahara Region Director for their guidance and oversight, ensuring that the seminar met the highest standards of karate training and education.

Ferwaka for their logistical support and assistance in coordinating the event, making it accessible and enjoyable for all participants.

All participants who travelled from their respective countries notably, Japan, UK, South Africa, Zambia, Kenya, Sweden and RD Congo contributed to the diversity and richness of the seminar.

The Grading Exam Participants who dedicated their time and effort to prepare for the Dan grading examination. Their commitment to excellence is commendable, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth in karate.

Final Remarks

The success of the 5th Edition JKA Rwanda Technical Seminar and Dan Grading is a testament to the dedication of all involved. The collaboration between local and international karateka, along with the expertise of the Japanese masters, has significantly contributed to the advancement of karate in the region. We look forward to future seminars and continued growth in the karate community.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, and we hope to see you all again next year for the 6th Edition of the JKA Rwanda Technical Seminar!

