



# JAPAN KARATE ASSOCIATION WORLD FEDERATION

## JKA WF ECUADOR

### HIRAYAMA SENSEI INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

#### REPORT – JUNE 2025

As part of its annual planning, JKA ECUADOR successfully organized and executed the International Seminar with Hirayama Sensei, from Wednesday, June 4th to Monday, June 9th, 2025.

Hirayama Sensei arrived in Quito on Monday, June 2nd at 11:30 p.m., marking the first time that JKA Ecuador has welcomed Hirayama Sensei, a high-level teacher.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD.

Hirayama Sensei, along with members of JKA Ecuador, had time to rest, relax, and explore iconic sites in Quito, its history, and traditions.

She shared a welcome lunch with most of the JKA ECUADOR instructors.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4.

In the morning, a class was held exclusively for JKA Ecuador instructors. Sensei Hirayama emphasized the 0-10-0 concept and the correct ways to teach and perform kata.



In the afternoon, an all women JKA Ecuador class was held, with the participation of practitioners of all ages and ranks, followed by a general JKA class.





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THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

In the morning, a refereeing clinic was led by Hirayama Sesnei, who addressed, clarified, and analyzed real-life cases that could arise in sports, proposed by those present.

In the afternoon, the second general class was held, open to all ranks and ages.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 6.

In the morning, an intermediate range class (4th to 6th kyu) was held. Hirayama Sensei explained Heian Godan in depth and began practicing specific kihon to the kata, where each practitioner should keep in mind the concepts of 0-10-0, "body cut," and timing.



In the advanced class, Hirayama Sensei focuses on kumite practice and the importance of leg speed in the development of each technique. She begins with specific kihon to understand and improve the aforementioned concept and concludes with a specific kumite exercise that encompasses all the movements and concepts developed during the class.

In the afternoon, in the novice and intermediate group (4th to 10th kyu), Hirayama Sensei focuses on Ippon kumite practice. Hirayama Sensei applies this targeted kumite to include defensive variations in the three zones defined in this kumite.

In the advanced class, Hirayama Sensei conducts an in-depth study of Jion, taking into account the students who will be taking an exam with the teacher on Monday, June 9th.



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### SATURDAY, JUNE 7.

In the morning, Hirayama Sensei conducts an in-depth study of Heian Yondan with the intermediate group, and she analyzes Bassai Dai with the advanced group. Hirayama Sensei uses specific kihones to improve parts of each kata. Each class concludes with a Q&A session to address any questions or concerns.



In the afternoon, Hirayama Sensei analyzed Heian Nidan with the intermediate group, while with the advanced group she held a kumite master class, where everyone tested their speed, focus, and skill against more advanced belts.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 8.

The 23rd JKA ECUADOR NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT was held.

The opening ceremony featured high-profile national and international guests, such as the Vice President of Ecuador and the Japanese Ambassador to Ecuador.

It was a martial celebration, where everyone tested their skills and undoubtedly enjoyed themselves in an atmosphere of respect and camaraderie.



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MONDAY, JUNE 9.

It was the day of promotion exams, distributed as follows:

6 SHODAN examinees

5 NIDAN examinees

We congratulate all 11 students; they demonstrated great courage. All passed.



JKA Ecuador extends its gratitude to Hiramaya Sensei for her dedication to teaching the seminar. We're confident everyone will use what they learned, and we eagerly anticipate training with this amazing teacher again.

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