

## JKA Kata Special 2025 – Gasshuku in Magdeburg / Germany

The JKA Germany Kata Special 2025 took place from May 29th to June 1st, 2025, in Magdeburg, northeastern Germany. This Kata Gasshuku, founded by Ochi Sensei, has been held annually at a different location in Germany since 1988. We were delighted to welcome Ogura Sensei, the JKA Vice Chief Instructor, to Germany this year, alongside the German instructors.



With a great organizational effort, we were able to welcome a new record of 1200 karateka from many European countries, including Norway, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Italy, the USA, and Germany. This makes the German JKA Gasshuku one of the largest training camps in the world. We are very proud and happy to unite such a large JKA karate community.



With a high level of professional competence, all instructors in the kata area were able to inspire the many participants in all belt classes. The high level of interest shown by all participating karateka created a fantastic and rewarding training atmosphere, characterized by shared learning and support during training.



In addition to the high number of participants at the 2025 Kata Special, the social gathering after training and the high recognition for JKA Karate by the city of Magdeburg and its mayor were also a highlight. At a large official opening ceremony, the senseis and organizers, as well as all helpers and supporters, were honored.



On behalf of JKA Germany, we would like to thank Ogura Sensei, the JKA Headquarters, and all German instructors and look forward to welcoming the JKA European family again at the next Gasshuku in Germany.