

【CHINESE TAIPEI】 16th JKA Taiwan Gashukku in Taoyuan with Katsutoshi Shiina Shihan and 1st JKA Taiwan Tournament

We were pleased to announce that the 16th JKA Taiwan Gashukku and 1st JKA Taiwan Tournament was successfully held on November 8th and 9th, 2025 in Taoyuan City, which organized by JKA Taiwan Taoyuan branch. This gashukku was also a significant timing for JKA Taiwan to celebrate its 10th anniversary since its first established in 2015.

We have roughly 100 participants for the 2-days gashukku, they were not just participants from Taiwan but also those who came all the way from Canada, Thailand, Malaysia, and Belarus. The training program executed as below:

Day-1:

Morning: Heian/ Shitei kata training.

Afternoon: Kihon-kumite training, Dan and qualifications examinations.

Day-2:

Morning: Kumite training and Tokui kata training.

Afternoon: JKA Taiwan Tournament.

On the first day of the gashukku, all the participants practiced with kihon and kata under the instructions and demonstrations of Shiina Sensei. Shiina Sensei showed and explained the correct way to practice all the Heian/ Shitei Kata, as well as the bunkai steps and meaning hidden in each kata. We were also reminded of skills to perform kata, such as the movements of the stance, power control from zero to ten, and contraction and extraction of the body, when we perform a kata in good way. We have several qualified Instructors from different branches of JKA Taiwan who helped to guide the participants during the practice hour. Kihon-kumite training was carried out in the afternoon, kihon-ippon to start

with and followed by Gohon-ippō training, everyone was trained powerfully and impressively under instructions of Shiina Sensei and demonstrations of qualified Instructors. Budo-Spirit was well emphasized, and everyone performed the skills confidently during the training, which helped to develop improvements for kumite mindset for the next day of the gashukku. Dan and qualification examinations were held in the evening, results as below:

2nd Dan: x13, 4th Dan: x2, Instructor-D: x18, Instructor-C: x2, Instructor-B: x4, Judge-D: x5, Judge-C: x3, Judge-B: x4.

On the Second day of the gashukku, we started with kumite training in a few different ways, such as basic attacks in a crossed zic-zac way and non-stop fighting in a circle, this helped individuals to develop distance control as well as the attacks and defense at once. After a short break, we took some time to practice Tokui kata Gojushiho Sho and Sochin. Shiina Sensei explained the meaning of the kata and demonstrated the bunkai steps we should practice at all time, sensei also spare some time for participants who took place in the tournament later to practice and time for Q&A.

1st JKA Taiwan Tournament was held in the afternoon of the second day, this is the first and ever of full JKA style competition since the establishment of 10 years. We had roughly 70 participants who took part in each category of kata and kumite, there were men, women, individual, and team, and this can be seen as valuable experience for referees and judge to implement JKA rules in Taiwan. The tournament ended successfully with medals and trophy award ceremony.

Shiina Sensei was pleased and thankful for JKA Taiwan to finally organized the 1st JKA Taiwan Tournament, sensei hope this tournament would become a tradition and repeatedly every year from now.

Finally, we appreciated the time and effort from JKA Honbu Dojo Shiina Sensei and Taiwan Honbu Dojo Head Taira Mikio Sensei, to deliver skills training and develop JKA Taiwan to become a stronger branch, we all proud to be a JKA member under the guidance of both Senseis. OSS!

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Photo Gallery:



