



JKA/WF KENYA 9TH EDITION EAST AFRICA REGION GASSHUKU- 6TH-9TH AUGUST 2026

JAPAN KARATE ASSOCIATION WORLD FEDERATION KENYA (JKA/WF-KENYA) held its 9th Gasshuku in Nairobi, Kenya, and hosted the larger East African and West African Region countries. The Gasshuku was led by Shihan Koichiro Okuma, 7th Dan from JKA headquarters in Japan, and Shihan Daniel Gombe, 7th Dan Director, Sub-Saharan Africa Region, from South Africa.

The seminar included both senior and colored belts athletes, who trained together and separately at some point. We had two sessions for the first three days, morning and afternoon sessions, which emphasized Kihon, Kata, Kumite, Judging, Instructor, and Referee Courses.

The Gasshuku was enlightening as JKA members from East and West Africa were updated on major changes in Kata and gained extended knowledge in instructing and judging. The Seminar was attended by Kenya, Zambia, Burundi, Tanzania, South Africa, and Slovenia.

JKA Dan grading and qualifications were conducted.



9th JKA WF KENYA EAST AFRICA REGION GASSHUKU GROUP PHOTO-2026



A GROUP PHOTO WITH SENIORS DURING BREAK TIME WITH SHIHAN OKUMA AND SHIHAN GOMBE



JUNIORS IN KATA MOVEMENT, BEING INSTRUCTED BY SHIHAN GOMBE



SENIORS IN KATA MOVEMENT, BEING INSTRUCTED BY SHIHAN OKUMA



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