

JKA-NKK PHILIPPINES GASSHUKU, SHOTOCON, AND IWABUCHI XI SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED

On the 21st to 23rd of August, 2026, in Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines, JKA-NKK Philippines was graciously visited by Sensei Ryosuke Shimizu and Sensei Satomi Shimizu, JKA HQ Instructors, accompanied by Country Representative to the Philippines and Chief Instructor, Shihan Masayuki Iwabuchi, and other guests from Osaka, Sensei Yasunori Iwabuchi and Mizuki Iwabuchi. Sensei Shimizu along with his wife, Sensei Satomi Shimizu, conducted a 2-day gasshuku for 38 chapters nationwide with 350 attendees. This is in line with JKA-NKK Philippines' commitment to maintain international standards in teaching quality and technical expertise.

GASSHUKU

Sensei Shimizu's gasshuku included black belts from across the country who were not only educated in the technical aspects of kihon, kata, and kumite but also in training methods for Filipino black belts to use in teaching their own students. The black belts also brought along their colored belts who participated in the gasshuku, they were taught the fundamentals in executing kihon, kata, and kumite and were also taught a few strengthening exercises to aid in the essential mind-muscle connection in training karate. Around 150 to 220 participants who attended the 2-day Gasshuku.

QUALIFICATION

The gasshuku days were then followed by the licensure examinations for the black belts and Dan ranking examinations conducted in accordance with JKA standards and presided over by Sensei Ryosuke Shimizu, Sensei Satomi Shimizu, Shihan Masayuki Iwabuchi, and Sensei Yasunori Iwabuchi. The

examinations emphasize the dedication that JKA-NKK Philippines has in maintaining international standards. With the following number of examinees:

Ranking and Qualification	No. of Examinees
1 st Dan	21 examinees
2 nd Dan	7 examinees
3 rd Dan	5 examinees
4 th Dan	2 examinees
Instructors' Licensure	15 examinees
Judges' Licensure	11 examinees

CONFERENCE

In the 2-day event, we have included a seminar that would discourse about dojo growth, social-media presence and student recruitment for fellow instructors who are starting up and those who have chapters on their own. We find this conference valuable as we recruit from the grassroots. While the technical aspects of karate are important, what also happens outside training are also important. Dojo administration is just as important for the instructor as his technical and pedagogical skill. This was made possible by the facilitator, Sensei Ian Jereos with the speakers, Sensei Jessica Esparrago, who is a renowned instructor of Ateneo Xavier University and Athletics Director of the university in Mindanao and Sensei Jesse Lacsigen, who is an Atty-at-Law in Luzon. Both are not only outstanding in their fields of profession but as active instructors of JKA.

The details of the two-day gasshuku are as follows:

- August 21, 2026
 - Morning
 - Gasshuku for black belts
 - Afternoon
 - Instructor, Judge, and Examiner licensure examinations
- August 22, 2026
 - Morning
 - Gasshuku for colored belts
 - Afternoon
 - Dan Examinations
 - Sensei Ian Jereos' Shotocon Seminar

XI IWABUCHI CUP

On the August 23, 2026, Iwabuchi XI, the 11th iteration of the Iwabuchi Cup was held in Hoops Dome, Lapu-Lapu City. The Iwabuchi Cup is of great significance in the Philippines as it commemorates the late Shihan Hiroshi Iwabuchi, the father of Shihan Masayuki Iwabuchi and Sensei Yasunori Iwabuchi, who dedicated his life in the education of karate for the Filipino people.

Furthermore, this year's Iwabuchi Cup carries deeper meaning as this year commemorates the 70th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relationships between the Republic of the Philippines and Japan. As such, the Consul-General of Japan in Cebu, Mr. Yudai Ueno, made a message to the

participants urging them to perform at their best, enjoy the competition, and most importantly, embracing the true spirit of karate.

The tournament was a great success, with 350 participants from all across the country, showcasing their skill and demonstrating their tenacity in both kata and kumite. Sensei Shimizu's son, Jhin Shimizu also participated in the tournament. The event was also livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube through Sports Kombat Network, highlighting the use of social media for the exposure and spread of JKA.

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Mat 2: [\(93\) Tatami 2 | Kata and Kumite I IWABUCHI XI CHAMPIONSHIP - YouTube](#)

Mat 3: [\(93\) Tatami 3 | Kata and Kumite I IWABUCHI XI CHAMPIONSHIP - YouTube](#)

All in all, the three-day event was a great success. The president of JKA-NKK Philippines, Mr. Noel Espinosa, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Franklin Rosario, and all of JKA-NKK Philippines graciously extends our thanks to Sensei Ryosuke Shimizu, Sensei Satomi Shimizu, Shihan Masayuki Iwabuchi, and Sensei Yasunori Iwabuchi for their support of the organization. JKA-NKK Philippines looks forward for more opportunities for a closer relationship with Japan.



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AUG 21 & 22 GASSUKU





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Aug 23 - XI Iwabuchi Cup

The Programme



A. 8:00 am to 9:00 am OPENING CEREMONY Programme

I. Parade of Delegates:

A. LUZON

1. YMCA, Baguio City
2. Bontoc, Mountain Province
3. Sagada, Mountain Province
4. Natonin, Mountain Province
5. Bauko, Mountain Province
6. Besao, Mountain Province
7. Laoag, Ilocos Norte
8. Karate School, Manila
9. Novaliches, Quezon City

B. VISAYAS

10. University of Cebu - Main Campus, Cebu City
11. Tabor Hills San Jose, Cebu City
12. Sacred Heart Branch, Cebu City
13. Magnum Sports Complex, Cebu City
14. San Carlos Seminary College, Cebu City
15. Pardo, Cebu City
16. University of Cebu LM, Cebu
17. Lapu-Lapu Historic Resort, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu
18. Pajoc, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu
19. Mactan Island Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu
20. Bushido Karate of Bogo City, Cebu
21. Bogo Chapter
22. Daan Bantayan Chapter
23. Medellin

C. MINDANAO

33. Cogayan De Oro City Headquarters
34. Bulua Central, CDO
35. Xavier University, CDO
36. School of Karate, CDO
37. Davao City
38. Iligan City

G. GUESTS

39. JKA Philippines Minglanilla, PH02
40. Cebu City Sports Club

E. REFEREES, JUDGES, OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Special thanks to:
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (BFP Lapu-Lapu City),
EOD/K9 Lapu-Lapu City and Lapu-Lapu Police Station

Programme

II. Entrance of Colors

Pajo National High School - Senior Scout of the Phils.
Pythons

III. Invocation

Zhaelee Judilla - Student of LLC Historic Resort

IV. National Anthem

Philippine National Anthem and Japanese National Anthem

V. Welcome Address

Franklin H. Rosario - JKA NKK Chairman of the Board

VI. Keynote Address

Hon. Carl Steven Weigel, Brgy. Captain Gunob LLC

VII. Introduction of Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker

Mr. Ian Jereos

VIII. Inspirational Message

General-Consul Yudai Ueno, General Consul of Japan to the Philippines

IX. Awarding of Plaque of Appreciation

Presenter: Shiha Masayuki Iwabuchi

X. Oath of Sportsmanship

Ace Eso - Champion, 2024 X Iwabuchi Cup

XI. Declaration of the Competition Open

Noel Espinosa - JKA NKK Technical & Tournament Director
Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Ian Jereos



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Guest



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Key Officials and Guests



Masayuki Iwabuchi, Shihan

Chief Instructor and Official Representative to the Philippines,
Yasonuri Iwabuchi & **Mizuki Iwabuchi** together with the
Ryosuke Shimizu, Sensei and **Satomi Okuie, Sensei**



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Live streaming of the tournament is recorded on YouTube:

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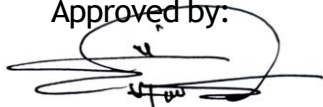
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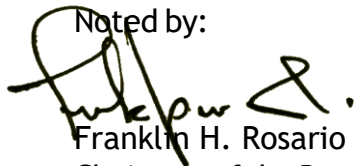
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Tournament
Director / Vice
President

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