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Re: Concerning an article to be contributed to
"KENDO-NIPPON"

Dear Sir,

"KENDO-NIPPON", a monthly magazine which has the largest circulation in Japan, has recently decided to serialize "News from Abroad".

Each month, it will pick out 2 countries and present an outline on how Kendo is practised there and will report on the latest tournament and seminar held outside Japan. This will be particularly worthwhile for Japanese Kendoist to become interested in what is going on abroad. Reports on France, Malaysia, Poland and Argentina have already been published.

Therefore, I shall be much obliged to you if you could let me know the following points about Kendo in your country.

- 1) History of Kendo in your country.
- 2) The time when Kendo Federation/Association was organized.
- 3) Present state:
 - a) Approximate number of Kendoist.
 - b) Approximate number of Dan-holders.
 - c) Principal cities and the number of Dojo there.
 - d) Main events during the year.
 - e) Other facts which may be of interest.

Also, whenever a tournament or a seminar is held, please let me know the results and how things stand. It would be helpful if you could add a photograph (in monochrome) to your report.

I shall be most grateful for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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