

To: International Kendo Federation
European Kendo Federation
EKF Technical Committee

Stockholm 84-06-16

KENDO IN NORWAY

1. Background
2. Present Kendo Status
3. Future

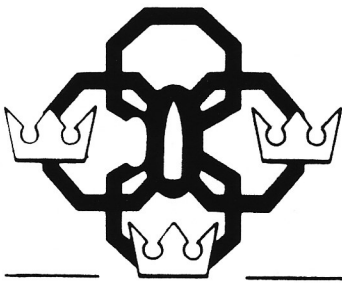
1. BACKGROUND

In January this year the Kendo Section of the Swedish Budo Federation received a letter from Norway asking for help and information in kendo matters. A couple of letters followed the first one and as a result of the correspondence it was decided that Sweden should send one or several kendokas for a training visit.

Our belief was and is that one of the ways to strengthen Swedish kendo is by spreading kendo to the other Scandinavian countries (Norway, Denmark and Finland).

2. PRESENT KENDO STATUS

During the weekend 9-11 June a kendo training camp was arranged in Oslo, Norway. Only one representative from Sweden was present, Mr. Hans Lundberg (3rd Dan). Five training sessions varying from 2 to 3 hours was held. Only four of the participants had kendo armor the other ten only had shinai's. The training was centered on basic kendo techniques: suburi, Dai Ichi Kihon (Tokyo police basic training), uchi komi and Kendo Kata. The quality of the participants varied from beginners to about 1st Dan level. Mr. Lundberg reports that everybody was very enthusiastic.



3. FUTURE

The organizational status of Norway as a kendo nation is still somewhat dim. It seems that the official sports organization in Norway wants to create a Budo Federation including all Martial arts. Unfortunately there is conflict between the different large martial arts, karate, judo etc. Therefore a solution to these problems are yet to be seen.

Because of these problems we suggest that Sweden could act as a go-between in practical matters such as Dan-examinations. Ofcourse under the condition that the norwegians agree and that there is no objections from international kendo organizations.

For further information about kendo in Norway please contact:

Björn Giertsen
Ivar Knutsons vei 48
Oslo 11
NORWAY
Tel: (02) 29 47 80

Stefan Stenudd
president
Section Kendo
Swedish Budofederation
Idrottens Hus
123 87 FARSTA
SWEDEN