

To all member countries of the EKF  
F.A.O. Iaido representatives

From: Kyoto-Fu Kendo Federation  
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We hope that the European Iaido Championships are a great success.  
We, the members of the Kyoto-Fu Kendo Federation, want to express our deepest respect to you for your efforts to make kendo and iaido more popular.

Since the 10<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships will be held in Kyoto in March of next year, we, as co-organizers are now very busy with the preparations and we want to make sure that all participants who will visit Japan on that occasion will say "the Kyoto Championships were great".

As you maybe know, the World Kendo Championships have a history of 30 years, but for iaido which all of you love so much, it has not yet come that far and for you the European Championships is the largest tournament.

This time, on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships, the Kyoto-Fu Kendo Federation is planning to add a so called "open-program", and we would like to assemble all the iaidoka of the world and organise a "World Iaido Enbu Meeting" which should be held at the famous Heian Shrine and the Butokuden.

- The Heian Shrine is a wooden building which is 63% of the size of the original Imperial Government Building, which was moved to Kyoto in 794 BC. For every Budoka it is considered a great honour to do an Enbu in the front garden of this majestic building.
- The Butokuden is also a wooden building which was completed in 1895 and it is now a so called "Important Cultural Asset", officially recognised by the Japanese government. Every year in May we organise the famous "Kyoto Taikai" in this building and only 6<sup>th</sup> dan or higher of the All Japan Kendo Federation can participate in this first class kendo and iaido event. If compared to tennis, it is just as famous as the "Wimbledon Centre Court", and we want to give all iaidoka, no matter what dan grade, the opportunity to do an Enbu in this building.

Following this, as you already may know, there will be a two day iaido seminar which is organised by the All Japan Kendo Federation (March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>) and on the 26<sup>th</sup> an iaido grading is planned.

From March 27<sup>th</sup> till 30<sup>th</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships will be held and you can enjoy demonstrations of kendo, iaido and other kobudo.

At the end of each day of the Championships iaido teachers who hold the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> dan and who have experience in teaching non-Japanese, will gladly instruct you in seitei-iai, rules for refereeing etc.

We truly hope that everyone will have the opportunity to have a delightful taste of Kyoto. On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships we are preparing various activities which should deepen your knowledge about the classical Japanese culture and under the Buddhist motto "developing myself and developing others" we truly hope that everyone can experience a real improvement in their iaido.

We hope that many of you will visit Japan on this perfect occasion, in combination with supporting the Kendo Championships.

Because we can only accept a maximum of 150 persons (due to hotel capacity), those who have registered first at IKF will be accepted.

## SCHEDULE

March 23	World Iaido Enbu Meeting	(Kyoto-Fu Kendo Federation)
24	Iaido seminar	(AJKF)
25	same	
26	iaido examinations from 1 till 7 dan	
27-30	10 <sup>th</sup> WKC	
	1. iaido practice at the end of each day	
	2. we are approaching teachers who are experienced in teaching non-Japanese	
	3. we are now studying the contents of the practice	

## PRICES

March 22,23	bed & breakfast	4800 yen per night per person
24,25	bed & 3 meals	9000 yen per night per person
26-30	bed & breakfast	4800 yen per night per person

You will lodge in the "Kosei Nenkin Kyuka Center" which is 5 minutes by taxi from the "Miyamagi" station. You can reach this station by "Kintetsu Rail" from the JR Kyoto Station in about 35 minutes.

Yours sincerely,

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