

# THE EUROPEAN KENDO RENMEI

6th May 1969

## OFFICIAL Z.N.K.R. VISIT TO EUROPE - SEPTEMBER 1969.

### STAGE ONE - GREAT BRITAIN

NOTE: Exact arrival and departure schedules are not yet confirmed.  
The following dates are only proposals.

Date	Schedule Location	Event
10 Sept.	Dep. HANEDA	
11th	Arrive HEATHROW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Official reception, HEATHROW, by selected members only. (See note below)</li> <li>ii. Drive to BRIGHTON.</li> <li>iii. Welcome Meeting, BUTOKUKAN DOJO, in evening if convenient. (See note below).</li> </ol>
12th	BRIGHTON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sightseeing, BRIGHTON.</li> <li>ii. Possible Kendo practice, BUTOKUKAN DOJO.</li> </ol>
13th	LONDON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sightseeing during morning for Japanese party <u>only</u>. See notes.</li> <li>ii. Preliminary eliminating rounds for KYUSHA and YUDANSHA tournaments at the NENRIKI DOJO (See notes)</li> <li>iii. EUROPEAN KENDO TAIKAI. Afternoon.</li> <li>iv. Small DINNER PARTY given by Sir Frank Bowden for selected official group. (See notes)</li> <li>v. Return to BRIGHTON.</li> </ol>
14th	BRIGHTON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Morning practice, BUTOKUKAN DOJO.</li> <li>ii. Delegate Meeting 11.30 to 13.00. Lunch break Meeting continues 14.30 to 17.00. (See notes below)</li> </ol>
15th	BRIGHTON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Practice, BUTOKUKAN DOJO, followed by PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION for <u>Ni-dan</u> and above. Morning. (See notes)</li> <li>ii. Sightseeing visit to PEVENSEY CASTLE, Sussex, weather permitting. Afternoon.</li> </ol>

Date	Schedule Location	Event
16th	BRIGHTON	Farewell Meeting, BUTOKUKAN DOJO, time depending on departure schedule.
16/17th	Depart HEATHROW for STOCKHOLM	Arrangements by Swedish Kendo Renmei.
20/21st	Depart STOCKHOLM for PARIS	Arrangements by France Kendo Renmei.
24th September (?)	Depart PARIS for HANEDA	

#### SCHEDULE NOTES:

**VENUE FOR VISIT** The Brighton BUTOKUKAN is the only club that can offer dojo facilities at any time of the day or evening throughout the period of the mission. These will be mainly in the main gymnasium of the BRIGHTON BOYS CLUB, Edward Street, except for mid-week evenings when the smaller dojo will be used. Most accommodation is within two or three hundred yards of either dojo.

Conference facilities are available at the Brighton Boys Club.

#### **OFFICIAL RECEPTION AT HEATHROW**

The Z.N.K.R. delegation will be met at London Airport by a small official party representing the Ōshū Kendo Renmei and the Bikkō Kendo Renmei. The composition of this group will be strictly controlled by the organising committee to avoid confusion and disorder. The reception is important and must be smooth and co-ordinated.

Apart from the official party if any other Kendoka wish to be at the airport they will be expected to remain in the background.

Transport is being arranged for the official party and the Z.N.K.R. delegation to take them direct from HEATHROW to BRIGHTON.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Z.N.K.R. DELEGATION: This party will stay at the home of the Secretary-General and his wife. One or two of the chief officials of the Renmei will also be guests there.

ALL OTHER KENDOKA, irrespective of nationality and/or rank must make private arrangements. It is expected

that two houses will be rented over the period by the Eikoku Kendo Renmei and so some twenty to thirty Kendoka will be able to live and sleep very close to both Dojo. The cost per head will be very low, about £2 or £3. Beds in these houses will be allocated to the various European representatives in the first place; British Kendoka who wish to stay in these 'Kendo Hostels' will be expected to bring sleeping bags.

The 'hostels' can be used to store all equipment.

We would like to know definitely who wants 'hostel' accommodation by JUNE 28th next. After that date beds and spaces will be allocated freely to all comers. This note particularly applies to Kendoka from other countries.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation can easily be booked at that time. Recommended addresses can be supplied by the Renmei on application.

LONDON accommodation will be available for those Kendoka who do not intend participating in all the events. Further information on the amount of space offered will come from the various London Dojo later.

#### WELCOME MEETING

This has been arranged at the BUTOKUKAN DOJO on either Thursday or Friday, the 11th or 12th September, in the evening or morning respectively. This is dependent on the time of arrival in Brighton and whether or not the Japanese mission want a practice withing a few hours of arrival.

If on the evening of twelfth then the meeting will be held in the St. John's School Dojo; if on the following morning then it will be in the Brighton Boys' Club.

#### SIGHTSEEING

- i. Sightseeing and shopping time will be available in Brighton for those members of the Japanese party wishing to do so.
- ii. A guided tour of the famous sights in London is arranged for the delegation only on the morning of Saturday, 13th September. They will lunch in London then go to the Nenriki Dojo in time for the Taikai.
- iii. Weather parmitting, a small party will take the whole delegation to PEVENSEY CASTLE near Eastbourne on the afternoon of Monday, 15th September where a picnic tea will be arranged. Pevensey fortifications date back to Roman times

DELEGATE  
MEETINGS

These will be held on Sunday, September 14th, at the conference room at the BRIGHTON BOYS' CLUB. They will take place from about 11.30 hrs as follows:-

11.30 to 13.00 Preliminary discussions.

13.00 to 14.30 Lunch.

14.30 to 17.00 Meeting continues.

It will be possible to extend these times if necessary. There will be plenty of opportunity for informal discussions, naturally, but during the main talks all delegates are requested to keep their subjects for discussion to a broad Kendo perspective. Smaller and more local questions can be kept for the visits to other centres.

Further details on the form that these talks will take will be notified in due course.

PROMOTIONAL  
EXAMINATION

On the morning of Monday, 13th September, a promotion examination will be held at the BRIGHTON BOYS' CLUB for those yūdansha wishing to be examined for ni-dan rank and above. Yūdansha are reminded that for ni-dan examination a student must have held sho-dan for at least one year. For san-dan he must have held ni-dan for a minimum of two years.

This meeting will commence at 08.30 hrs at the Boys' Club Dojo.

FINANCE

It has been agreed that the main costs of the first stage of this European visit shall be covered by the Eikoku Kendo Renmei from existing funds such as they are, and by asking each and every dojo without exception, to try to raise some additional monies by their own ingenuity in the next four months. We are involved in car hire, rental of property, printing charges, various fares, and a very big entertainments bill. As an example of what we must all expect a recent very high ranking visitor represented a drain on our resources of £60. This time we have five such masters and for a complete week.

Therefore we must clearly state here that the Renmei will only be responsible for official expenses approved by the management committee according to schedules agreed in advance.

All Kendoka attending any of these events must do so at their own expense as is the usual Kendo custom in the circumstances. This includes all Kendoka from outside Great Britain. It is for this reason that we have arranged 'hostel' accommodation in Brighton to keep down your costs as far as possible.