

KENYUKAI OKINAWA – SHINJO FAMILY KARATE DYNASTY
50TH ANNIVERSARY
Karate Training and Tournament

A milestone in the world history of karate was celebrated in Yomitan, Okinawa in September, 2011. September 19 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the teaching of Seiyu Shinjo and the Kenyukai karate lineage.



The weeklong event, whose theme was “Rediscover Okinawan Karate”, was attended by black belts from Germany, Morocco, France and across the United States.



The celebration included dojo, sports hall and outdoor, daily karate training, social gatherings, and a well organized ipon kumite tournament, featuring first rate sparring, displays of the major styles of Okinawan karate, taiko drums and Okinawa dance.





The grand Sayonara Dinner Party doubled as a Victory Party, honoring tournament champion Yoichiro Kunnioshi, from the Yomitan dojo, for his first place win.



Mrs. Seiyu Shinjo was also in attendance at the Sayonara party.

The enthusiasm, training spirit and connection, experienced by all of the Senseis and black belts from America and Europe was phenomenal. Three group kata were performed at the tournament by the visitors from the West, during which the unity and team spirit shone like a beacon across the sports hall.

The intensity of training and the enthusiasm of everyone in attendance could not be dampened even by the weeklong typhoon that visited the Island of Karate the same week at the 50th celebration.

The 50th anniversary of the amazing Shinjo family and the harmony of all who traveled to “The Island of Karate” made this an emotional experience of a lifetime and will forever shine in the memory of the brothers and sisters of Kenyukai North America, and around the world!



Grand Master Shinjo thanks those who shared the “Rediscover Okinawan Karate” experience.