



UECHI RYU KENYUKAI IN CANADA

For the last 11 years, Desa School of Karate in St. Albert, Canada, has hosted karate instructors and Masters from around the world as part of the “Spirit of the North” karate seminars and tournament. This year, from April 26-May 2, Sensei Manuel deSa was honored to host two Okinawan Instructors for the week long event. Shota Tsukayama and Yoichiro Kuniyoshi (both students of Shinjo Kiyohide Sensei, President of Uechi Ryu Kenyukai organization) taught classes to over 350 participants of all ages and levels. Tsukayama Sensei also sat on a Black Belt test board that saw 14 people tested from Shodan to Yondan and finished the week overseeing a Black Belt tournament.

Sensei Mike Nazar from Texas also joined us again this year along with two of his Black Belts. He also led some excellent seminars and sat as the senior member on the Black Belt test board.

DeSa Sensei was pleased with the event this year and very impressed with the quality of instruction. As a student of Shinjo Kiyohide Sensei himself, he is looking forward to hosting him in June 2011 when the Spirit of the North 2011 will be the biannual North American Kenyukai Koshukai and Seiyu Cup Takai.

He hopes that the two instructors this year will have a positive report for Shinjo Kiyohide Sensei regarding the state of Uechi Ryu Kenyukai Karate in Canada and the welcoming hospitality for honored guests.



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