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Mr. Isao Kawashima, Chief Director of Gifu Headquarters, receiving a surprise gift of Beiju



Mr. Hiroataka  
Hayashi  
Chairman



Whole view of the  
party



Memorial shot with Ms Yukari  
Sato, representative



Mr. Chogo  
Tanaka  
Chief Director

The New Year Party for 2007 was held magnificently by the Gifu Headquarters at Gifu Grand Hotel along the stream of the Nagara River. Training officials for Shoto Federation as well as the directors and instructors of the headquarters attended it. Mr. Iwao Matsuda, councilor, and Ms Yukari Sato, representative, whom we can hardly meet, were present along with many a people from various fields. The new year ceremony started with "Drums of Celebration" by Hozumi Trust in front of the hot and greeting 300 guests.

Mr. Hiroataka Hayashi, chairman of Gifu Headquarters, and Mr. Chogo Tanaka, chief director of the headquarters, spoke of the role and necessity of Karatedo in modern

society at their new year addresses. We listened to them closely as being the leaders of karate and the parents responsible of children.

Mr. Tanaka presented Mr. Isao Kawashima with a surprise gift to celebrate his Beiju (eighty-eighth) birthday on the same day. We had not heard of this beforehand and Mr. Kawashima was delighted to receive a big bouquet saying "Mr. Tanaka always surprises me like this !" As we know he incessantly attends the daily training in his uniform at this high age, we cannot help but respect this great master. We were deeply impressed with his figure of lifetime leader of karate and thought we must refasten our belt tightly.

All the members of the headquarters were reunited for a fresh start at this unexpectedly warm evening of January 2007 feeling the spring would come sooner this year.

### For their targets...

Training Courses by Gifu Headquarters on Kata, Kumite, and Referees



Dan holders performing "Kakuyoku" or "Crane Wing"; fantastic moment to observe the heritage of the late Mr. Asai



Attendees exercising for upcoming matches and better refereeship



Referee training class with hard instructions



Written test for finishing the courses



Surprise with the breadth of knowledge of leaders in history, PE theory, ethics, and sport medicine





Attendees ranged from 6 to 65 years old and in many social standings



Handing out a certificate of commitment and grades



Gifu Headquarters held classes for kata, kumite, and referee at Gifu Arena on February 12, 2007. Attendees from children to grownups selected their classes according to their target beyond the divisional limit of regions and pushed themselves into collaborative practice. Model players repeated matches many times at the class of referees. Attendees listened to the lecture of attitude as leaders. They learned the technique, conviction, encounter, discovery, and impact, which are all indescribable experiences to them. They however will have to think how to make use of them by themselves.

### **Schedule of Event for March 2007**

17 (Sat) - Deadline for attendance in Gifu Prefecture Match; send application and fee to Mr. Shunsaku Watanabe at headquarters office; observe the deadline.

18 (Sun) - Test on kyu and dan upgrade at Gifu Arena; Details to be sent later by test committee; testes for dan upgrade must assemble at 11:00 a.m.

21 (holiday) - Match on the Cup of Education and Science Minister at Tokyo Budokan; 8 members will attend from Shoto Federation Gifu Headquarters.

Please be patient for March edition as we are planning to carry a bunch of precious references Mr. Masanori Nakazono, head of Hashima-Kita division, will kindly lend us as "My Treasures".