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Morning practice
the young dream becoming
the prophetic dream
– Haiku by Chogo



The first training for the New Year, the favorite karate uniform is cold but comfortable whacking the lazy mind and the flabby backbone.

The uniform won't get accustomed to the body but the body to the uniform. Impatient for this blessing day, the uniform retrieves the forgotten body sense. Yes, this obscure sense!

Someone sighed emptily and muttered "The same year has begun again." But the thought "It's always the same" is the proof of continuation and the new challenge for the future.

The cloud-like sighs coming out of the lips of the practicing children are like those of Godzilla's that swell quietly and disappear silently.



平成24年開催

ぎふ清流国体

Gifu Clear Stream National Athletic Meet

～輝け はばたけ 誰もが主役～
Shine, flap, and let everyone be a star



開催まで4年8ヶ月

Countdown - 4 years 8 months until the Meet

The National Athletic Meet is Japan's largest festival of physical pedagogy and sports hosted by prefectures alternately with the following commitments every year.

1. Spread sports among the nation broadly.
2. Elevate the sports mind and develop the health promotion and the improvement of physical strength of the nation.
3. Contribute to the promotion of local sports and the development of their cultures.
4. Make the life of the nation livelier and richer.

About 30,000 players and supervisors participated in the Akita National Athletic Meet in 1999. The number of the participants in the Olympics is around 16,000 incidentally. So the National Athletic Meet exceeds the Olympics in this index and can be said as truly the largest sports event in the world. Two such Meets are held in a calendar year (January through December) as the Winter Meet for winter events (January and February) and the General Meet for summer/autumn events (September and October). It was until 2005 that Summer Meet was held for summer events in September and Autumn Meet for autumn events in October, but these were unified in 2006.

Other than "the official competitions" by the all-star representatives from each prefecture aiming at the Emperor's Cup and the Empress Cup, there are "demonstration competitions" and "sporting events as demonstration" for the citizens of the hosting prefecture.

The demonstration competition by our Karatedo has already been set up to play at Tajimi General Gymnasium. Gifu Karatedo Federation specifically projected a boy Grow-Up strategy and is proceeding with a beef-up program for the appointed players, and a number of members from Shoto Federation Gifu Division have received the assignment of the reinforcement program to get a victory in the official competitions. They are training very hard every day.

～Juvenile players assigned for the reinforcement program for the Meet (24 players selected in the whole prefecture with the following 9 players from Shoto Federation)～

- 1) Kazuyuki Kato (Motosu branch)
- 2) Azusa Yamada (Gisai branch)
- 3) Manami Miwa (Gihoku branch)
- 4) Ai Hasada (Jonan branch)
- 5) Yuuka Matsuda (Motosu branch)
- 6) Makoto Ogura (Yamagata branch)
- 7) Yuuna Hayashi (Seki branch)
- 8) Nanase Horiguchi (Motosu branch)
- 9) Fuga Yoshimura (Motosu branch)



Grow-Up Reinforcing Practice champion



Training by Mr. Toshiaki Maeda, ex-supervisor of national team



Instruction by Ms Atsuko Wakai, queen champion

Hosting Policy for 67th National Athletic Meet in Gifu

Gifu Prefecture, located in the center of Japan and blessed with an abundance of nature, has been the place of reform in Japanese politics and administration as well as the ground of the cultural contact point of East Japan and West Japan. It is said "Who wins Mino governs Japan." The citizens of this prefecture who have inherited the pleasant climate and long history since the old days and have the prime target for "the best place in Japan to live" are determined to concentrate their power and energy for the great success in the forthcoming National Athletic Meet, the nation's largest sports event.

We would like to go forward in unison beyond the limit of schools and groups for the grand success in Gifu National Athletic Meet. We look forward to your sincere understanding and cooperation.

Event Schedule for February 2008

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**February 10, Sunday Training course of kata and kumite plus for referees
by Gifu Headquarters**

Time & Place : 9:00 to 16:00 at Gifu City Tobu Gymnasium

Details must be confirmed with branch managers.

Deadline: January 26 must be strictly observed. Application needs to be sent to Instructor Keiko Hayakawa at the committee.

Participation is anticipated for the ranked persons and branch managers.

February 29, Friday - Examines for Dan promotion must be very careful to observe the deadline.

Application needs to be sent in time for the Dan promotion examination to be held at Gifu Memorial Center on March 30.

Branch managers need to submit papers and fees to Mr. Shunsaku Watanabe at the secretariat

