

【NEW ZEALAND】 JKA New Zealand GASSHUKU & EXAMINATION – 1st May-5th May, 2024 with SHIHAN YASUNORI OGURA

We JKA New Zealand experienced an incredible training program for 5 days with Shihan Yasunori Ogura - Vice Chief Instructor JKA HQ Japan in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

The program exposed all JKA Karatekas in New Zealand to Shihan Ogura's technically impeccable training methodology both in Timaru (South Island) and in Auckland (North Island).

JKA Karatekas took part in this program, in good numbers from clubs all around New Zealand. In the north from Auckland, Northshore, Cockle Bay, Kapiti Coast, Wellington to the south from Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru and Dunedin.

Training was intense with Shihan Ogura investing his time stressing on the small and salient points that make our art so unique and mystique. This was greatly appreciated by all members as simplicity in teaching was personified by this great master.

JKA New Zealand is a proud, traditional and well-structured organisation that amplifies the true "Budo" spirit of Karate. This ethos is embedded into our DNA, promoted by our parent organisation Japan Karate Association in Japan.

Training was well rounded, with time spent equally on "Kihon" basics, "Kata" taught in great detail with analysis and rounding it up with some exciting "Kumite" drills and partnered combinations.

On Friday 3rd May Shihan Ogura and Sensei Karl Naoroji - Chief Instructor JKA New Zealand conducted "Dan examination" and "License Qualification testing" for our senior members.

In conclusion, we thank all karatekas, parents, support staff and the Instructors that make the real mechanics of our ever growing organisation. We genuinely realise how lucky we are to be exposed to this truly international standard of training in our own backyard.

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