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**International Aikido Workshop and the 40 Years Anniversary Seminar of Yufukan**

We are now well over the heat of the summer and already far into the autumn season, I hope you are all fine and well as ever.

In September 2013 we had a magnificent workshop with many participants from both Japan and abroad. “We would like to once again create a place where people gather to study the Aikido of Nishio sensei” was the idea raised by senior students in Europe. Supported by senior students from Japan and abroad, it led to a very meaningful workshop, not a seminar with a designated instructor, but a workshop in which everyone who came contributed with their skills and knowledge.

From the participants of that workshop, and also from those who were prevented from taking part in it, there have been numerous requests to repeat the event, and therefore we have now decided to make the 2nd International Workshop.

The workshop will take place from November 11th to November 13th in the prefectural Budokan in Takaoka city in Toyama prefecture, Japan. It was in this dojo in Toyama that Nishio sensei held his last seminar and by hosting the workshop in Toyama I feel a kind of tie to past.

Furthermore next year is the 40 years anniversary of Yufukan Aikido in Toyama prefecture where Koji Yoshida shihan instructs and therefore an anniversary event will be held on November 12th in the afternoon and Aikikai Doshu Moriteru Ueshiba will also do a class. Please refer to the schedule attached separately.

Like last time I can unfortunately only send the information about the workshop to dojos and people to whom I know the addresses. For those older students and other related people to whom I cannot send the invitation directly, I apologize. I really would like to inform as many as possible about the workshop therefore kindly share the information with everyone you know.

I hope we all can, once again, gather to share the teachings of Nishio sensei and strengthen the relation between all of us.

I hope and wish to see you all again for the 2016 International Workshop in Takaoka Toyama.

Sincerely,

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