



SHOTOKAN KARATEDO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

Message from Chief Instructor at the Celebration Party

As just introduced, I am Chief Instructor Manabu Murakami.

I would like to thank you all taking time out of your busy schedules to join us this evening, not only from here in Japan, but also from overseas.

Like many of you here, I had great admiration for Kanazawa Soke, which is why I pursued the path of karate. When I was in high school, I often told my mother, “Just one time, I would like to travel overseas with Kanazawa Sensei just to carry his bags for him.” That dream came true for me, and I accompanied him all around the world, which has brought me to see this day.

I look forward to working with Nobuaki Kancho and the instructors, members and supporters of our organization to ensure that we have a never-ending future. That is the only way that I would be able to show Kanazawa Sensei my gratitude.

To the instructors, my seniors, my juniors and all of my friends, I humbly request your continued guidance and your support.

What I’m about to say may sound as though I am trying to boast, my mother used to tell me, “You should get a regular job, not a job like karate.” But after she saw the 2006 World Championship, she stopped saying that. I have focused exclusively on karate without much thought about my own home, which is why I think have made my family sad. While I’m usually too embarrassed to say it, I would like to say thank you very much. I am very grateful.

I will devote myself more than ever.

I would appreciate your continued help and cooperation.

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Shuseki Shihan Manabu Murakami