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When I entered master Mabuni's dojo in 1944, my first impression of master Kenwa Mabuni was that of a dauntless Budo master with penetrating eyes. He was not very specific about the details. Instead, he showed us model forms and did everything himself. We had to see and learn. In 1945, we established a karate club at kansai Gakuin University and I asked master Mabuni to instruct us. The result was that fortunate enough to receive the teaching of master Mabuni at both his school and at university.

Master Mabuni always stressed the importance of making educational institutes the core for the future diffusion of karate. Accordingly, five karateka graduates from universities, including myself, were granted the master's certificate. The seeds of Shitoryu Karatedo master Mabuni were sown blossom in many universities and junior and senior high schools in Japan, and in many parts of the world. My heart full of emotion when I look back at those days with master Mabuni 50 years ago.