

Tokio Hisatomi

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Tokio Hisatomi, President of All Japan Shitokai and WSKF

Master Hisatomi was born Mitsui-gun, Fukuoka Prefecture in 1927.

April 1947 Enrolled in Toyo University and joined Karatedo Club. (Appointed as the Karatedo Club Captain in 1951)

March 1953 Graduated from Toyo University, Literature Department.

April 1953 Became a teacher at Kurume Commercial High School.

October 1953 Established Karatedo Club of Kurume Commercial High School and started teaching karate.

November 1955 Involved in the act for the separation of High School Division from the All Kyushu Student Federation. (Forerunner of Kyushu University Federation. At that time, both high schools and universities were included in the same Federation.) Endeavored to enrich the organization as a chief secretary and a chief judge. Founded `All Kyushu High School Karatedo Federation' and served as an officer.

October 1958 Involved in the foundation of Fukuoka High School Federation and held the First Championship of the Foundation. Endeavored to enlarge and enrich the organization as a chief judge and a chief secretary.

April 1959 Founded Japan Karatedo Federation Shito-kai Kurume Branch.

October 1968 Involved in the foundation of Fukuoka Karatedo Federation. As the representative from Shitokai, became the member of the board and acted as a standing director.

In the end of 1978 After the High School Karatedo Club joined the Kyushu High School Gymnastic Association, resigned the member of the board, and endeavored to teach the younger generation. Also acted as the member of Consultation committee, the director and the standing director, and also as the member of standing committee of Technical Center, the first class qualification judge, the domestic referee and the international referee. Raised many karate athletes, acting as a leader in both administrative and technical fields as a Shitokai board member.

March 1979 JKF 8 Dan.

March 1989 Retired from Principal of Kurume Commercial High School in Kurume City at the age limit.

March 1992 Received the Distinguished Service in Sports Field Prize from Fukuoka Gymnastic Association.

March 1997 Became Hanshi of Japan Karatedo Federation.

April 1997 Installed as President of Fukuoka Karatedo Federation.

October 1997 Became Hanshi of Japan Karatedo Federation Shito Kai.

June 1999 to present Counselor of Japan Karatedo Federation.

January 2000 Japan Karatedo Federation Shito-kai 9th Dan.

February 2001 Chairman of the board of Directors and Active President of Japan Karatedo Federation Shito-kai.

January 2002 Received the Japan Martial Arts Distinguished Service Medal at the ceremony held at Nippon Budo Kan.

March 2003 Resigned from President of Fukuoka Karatedo Federation.

February 2004 to president President of Japan Kartedo Federation Shito-kai.

Hisatomi Sensei recall the days with Master Kenwa Mabuni

It was around 1950 that I started to learn karate under master Kenwa Mabuni, who was already in his later years. The name of master Mabuni's school was "Yoshukan". It looked like the room, not so spacious, of a normal private house. Master Mabuni sat straight and calm on the master's seat at the front, without stirring. Sometimes he looked to be asleep. But, watching my practice, he would rise up and come to me calmly and show me right ways with great care, with easy explanations. He spoke with a slightly provincial accent and was very affectionate to all.

One match with master Mabuni is unforgettable: Master Mabuni was standing naturally with his hands down and told me to attack. He was of slight build and appeared to be so old. So, I felt hesitation in my attack. I made oizuki to the master, but master Mabuni dodged a little saying no it's not strong enough. After repeating the same things several times, I became serious and made an attack with all my power. He dodged it lightly and was already in the position to counterattack. I was truly surprised by how master Mabuni held himself so flexibly and lightly.

The forms and techniques I learned from master Mabuni, and those praised by the master, come to me ever stronger with time. They are my favorite karate arts.