

Soke Nagamine 2011 Canadian Seminar

Soke Nagamine completed the first stop of his 2011 North American tour on July 12th. The Canadian visit spanned from July 7th through 12th, covering three dojo locations:

- Anshin Dojo under Steve Trombley Sensei
- Renseikan Dojo under Ward Jardine Sensei
- Shorin-Ryu Dhyhan Karate Dojo under Harry Persaud Sensei

Seminar material covered basics, kata, and yakusoku kumite. Traditional bunkai for all the Fukyugata and Pinan kata were covered. Oyo bunkai for both basic and advanced kata was also demonstrated and practiced.

Highlights included:

- Yudansha gradings on Sunday July 10th
- Two new Canadian dojos joining Soke Nagamine and the WMKA (Shorin-Ryu Dhyhan Karate Dojo under Harry Persaud Sensei and Sho Shin Karate & Martial Arts under Michael McLean Sensei).
- Soke Nagamine's lecture (1hour) on the philosophy passed to him from his father, Grand Master Shoshin Nagamine. This was very special.

The additional time spent with Soke Nagamine outside of the dojo was a phenomenal experience for many of the Canadian Karateka. Whether having a formal dinner with Soke Nagamine or simply sitting around the fire and listening to stories, the time will definitely be fondly remembered.

We are grateful for Soke's teaching and guidance. Soke Nagamine is ensuring that around the world we are all practicing true Matsubayashi. This year alone Soke Nagamine has had four stops in North America, additional seminars in Ireland and recently Australia. All this while operating the Hombu dojo in Okinawa and running the WMKA.

On behalf of all the Canadian Matsubayashi karateka, thank you Soke Nagamine. Not only for your visit and seminar, but also for all you are doing to perpetuate the art we all love. Thank you for travelling the world to ensure we are on the right path. Thank you for being approachable and humble. Thank you for making all members of the WMKA feel part of Matsubayashi Ryu. It truly is a great time to be part of Matsubayashi Ryu.

Arigato Gozaimasu

Submitted by Tony Gibson