

SAVE THE DATE!

On August 14-16, 2026, Art Takashi Ishii, 6<sup>th</sup> dan, Renshi, and members of Matsubayashi-Ryu Karate-Do of Little Tokyo, are honored to welcome Yoshitaka Taira, 10<sup>th</sup> dan, Hanshi and Kaicho of the World Matsubayashi-Ryu Karate-Do Association, back to Los Angeles, CA, for the first time in over 25 years.

Taira Kaicho will host a 3-day seminar open to WMKA members worldwide, along with two other Okinawan instructors, to be determined. This seminar will run in conjunction with Nisei Week, the oldest and largest Japanese cultural festival in the United States.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 14

17:00-20:00 – Greeting and workout at the Terasaki Budokan

Saturday, August 15

09:00 – 22:00 – Seminar at Terasaki Budokan. Includes training followed by catered meals for all, and wrap-up party including demonstrations by members and guests

Sunday, August 16

09:00-11:00 – Dojo Owners Meeting at Terasaki Budokan

11:00-16:00 – Free time to explore LA / Little Tokyo

16:00 – WMKA participation in the Nisei Week Parade

Details are still being finalized. Information regarding registration and accommodations will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

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