



International Budo Symposium

Foreword

Chair NIFS International Budo Symposium
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Since the establishment of the National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya the promotion of the Martial Ways (below, Budo) has been one of the main pillars of its identity. Hosting the present International Budo Symposium is a project for which NIFS has made a social pledge since its corporate transition and it is an undertaking that suits NIFS' intention to 'nurture an international feeling through sports'.

The International Budo Symposium that is held today is an attempt to focus on budo etiquette and to crystallize in our regulations the declared goal 'to nurture excellent practical physical education teachers who are able to develop moral and applied skills' by re-evaluating etiquette education within NIFS' budo curriculum. We expect much of the qualitative improvements that will follow. The present Symposium will be an opportunity to internationally re-evaluate the significance and mission of Budo, while at the same time keeping in mind that it will lead to raising the level of the disciplined cultivation within undergraduate education at NIFS'.

The modern significance of fostering a physical sense accompanied by etiquette and skilled manners among students and nurturing budo teachers who are able to dispense etiquette to the next generation as a sports university, can be said to be great. Especially, it is said that the perfection of technique and the elevation of personality are intimately related.

Taking the opportunity of the present Symposium, we expect that students will be reared with an autonomous and subjective normative sense, that extra-curricular activities will be performed with courageous vitality and that even more than before Budoka and Budo teachers with a tight manly figure, will be able to show etiquette with style. It needs no mention, but the mastery of 'standing and sitting' accompanied by beauty of form is in accordance with the oriented intention 'refining physical form (abbrev.) and causing our country's physical culture to flourish (abbrev.)' that is declared in the NIFS philosophy.

Thanks to you all, we have been able to invite national and international top budoka and budo researchers. Taking the opportunity of this International Budo Symposium we expect NIFS to develop even more as a 'university with a shining identity' and that good publicity will abound.

