

**The 28th International Seminar of Budo Culture Announcement**

Dear Budo friends,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. As a part of the Nippon Budokan's activities to promote budo to the international community, it is my great pleasure to announce the holding of the "28th International Seminar of Budo Culture" supported by MEXT.

**1. Purpose**

To provide foreign residents in Japan and Japanese practitioners who study Japanese martial arts with knowledge in not only the theory and techniques of Budo, but also deepen their understanding of historical and scientific aspects. It is hoped that this will contribute to the international development of traditional culture and foster goodwill through Budo.

**2. Title**

28<sup>th</sup> International Seminar of Budo Culture

**3. Sponsor Organisation**

Nippon Budokan Foundation

**4. Sponsor**

Japan Sports Agency, Japanese Budo Association,

**5. Assistance**

International Budo University ,Japanese Academy of Budo

**6. Dates**

March 4 (Fri.)~ March 6 (Sun.), 2016

**7. Venue**

International Budo University (Chiba-ken Katsuura-shi, Shinkan 841)

Nippon Budokan Kenshuu Centre (Chiba-ken Katsuura-shi, Sawakura 582)

**8. Criteria for Participation**

(1) Participants must be over 18 years of age, resident in Japan, be practising Budo with at least the rank of Shodan, and be able to communicate in Japanese or English as these will be the languages in which instruction is given.

(2) Japanese participants should be over 18 years of age, be able to speak English at conversational level, and at least hold the rank of Shodan in a Budo art. In principle he or she should be recommended by an affiliate organisation of the Japanese Budo Association.

(3) In principle, participants should be recommended by the head of their Budo association or club.

**9. Participant Numbers**

120

(100 non-Japanese and 20 Japanese)

**10. Participation Fee**

¥5,400 per person (tax included)

**11. Application**

Applicants should fill in the application forms provided and send it with the fee via registered mail to the following address:

Nippon Budokan Shinko-ka

2-3 Kita-no-Maru Koen, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8321

**12. Application Deadline**

February, 17, 2016

**13. Participant Assistance**

All accommodation costs and meals over the course of the seminar will be provided by the Nippon Budokan. Participants are expected to pay their own travel expenses to and from the seminar.

**14. Safety and Insurance**

(1) If a participant becomes ill or is injured during the seminar, he or she will receive treatment at a local medical centre.

(2) All participants and lecturers will be insured for the duration of the seminar. This does not include travel to and from the venue.

**15. Inquiries**

All inquiries should be directed to the Nippon Budokan Shinko-ka:

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