

Information Regarding Aikido Kobayashi Dojo 40th Anniversary Events

40th anniversary events of Aikido Kobayashi Dojo are now only half a year away. Details of some events are now being settled.

Please note that some details on the tour program to visit Ueshiba Morihei O-sensei's hometown have been changed since we sent you the previous notification.

The details of events are as follows. Please send a pre-entry request e-mail to the address show at the top to tell us which events you are participating.

Please send your e-mail to us by the end of March, 2008.

1. Commemorative Seminar

When: Sep.23, 2008 (Tue.) 11 am to 1:30 pm

Place: Tokorozawa Shimin Budokan

Instructors: Kobayashi Yasuo shihan (11:00 – 11:45)
Ueshiba Moriteru Doshu (12:00 – 1:30)

Seminar Fee: 3,000 yen

2. Commemorative Party

When: Sep.23, 2008 (Tue) 6 pm to 8 pm

Place: Hotel Grand Palace (downtown Tokyo)

Party Fee: 12,000 yen

3. Visit to Ueshiba Morihei O-sensei's hometown

When: Sep. 25, (Thu.) - Sep. 27 (Sat.), 2008

Place: Tanabe City in Wakayama Prefecture

Fee: 50,000 yen (transportation cost not included)

(Preliminary Notice)

The meeting place is Hotel Urashima near Kii-Katsuura station in Wakayama. We will finish at Shirahama station on JR Kisei-line.

It takes about 6 hours to Kii-Katsuura from Tokyo by Shinkansen and local trains. The total one way cost is 15,930 yen.

After being dismissed, if you are planning to visit some sightseeing spots such as Kyoto, we recommend you to buy a Japan Rail Pass. Japan Rail Pass is valid for 7 days, and it costs 28,300 yen. The pass can be used when you use most trains in Japan including Narita Express going to Tokyo from Narita airport.

It takes about 3 hours from Shirahama to Kyoto, and it costs about 6,000 yen. We now have a new affiliation with some dojos in Kyoto starting from this year. The members of Kyoto dojos are happy to have you at their dojos for practices. They are willing to be your guides in Kyoto.

Another way to go to Kii-Katsuura is to take a night bus. It takes about 11 hours, and a round-trip ticket costs 18,720 yen.

4. Higashiyamato-shi Aikido Club 40th Anniversary Demonstration with Doshu

When: Sep. 28, 2008 (Sun.)

Place: Higashiyamato Shimin Taiikukan

Fee: To be announced

5. Anniversary Camp

When: Oct. 4, (Sat.) - Oct. 5 (Sun.), 2008

Place: Iwai Beach Resort, Chiba

Instructors: Kobayashi Yasuo shihan, other shihans,
and Kobayashi Dojo instructors.

Fees: 15,000 yen (transportation cost not included)

(Useful Tip)

It takes about 2 hours from Tokyo to Iwai Beach Resort, and one-way train ticket costs 3,700 yen. If you are staying in Japan for a long period of time, consider buying a Japan Rail Pass valid for 14 days, which enables you to travel both to Wakayama and to Iwai.

Reference

Japan Rail Pass

<http://www.japanrailpass.net/eng/en001.html>

Tanabe City

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanabe>

<http://www.tb-kumano.jp/en/>

Nachi Katsuura

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nachikatsuura%2C_Wakayama

Hotel Urashima

<http://www.japaneseguesthouses.com/db/wakayama/urashima.htm>

Nanki Katsuura Hot Springs

<http://www.hotel-nakanoshima.jp/english/index.html>

Iwai Beach Resort

<http://www.chiba-tour.jp/eng/sightseeing/nanbo.html>