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TO: Presidents, FIK affiliates in American Zone Countries

International Kendo Federation/FIK Secretary General Yukio Sato

Re: FIK Kendo Referee Seminar for the American Zone (FY 2018)

We are pleased to announce that the FIK American Zone Kendo Referee Seminar will be held in January 2019 in Dallas, TX, USA. We would like to express appreciation for AUSKF's dedication to make this event succeed. You are cordially requested to recommend applicants from your organization by using the attached application form.

*FY2018 means the term from April 2018 to March 2019.

1. Date: January 26 & 27, 2019 (Saturday & Sunday)

2. <u>Host Organization</u>:

All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF) Contact person: Shinobu Maeda, Vice-President AUSKF E mail address: <u>maeda.shinobu@gmail.com</u>

 <u>Place</u>: Venue: Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, Southern Methodist University (SMU) Address: 6000 Bush Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205 U.S.A. Tel: +1 (847) 297-3000 Men and women locker rooms with shower facilities, are available at the seminar venue for seminar attendees wanting to freshen up, before departing to the DFW International Airport, immediately following Sunday's seminar.
 *Transportation is provided between Hotel and Gym.

Hotel Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel-Campbell Centre

Address: 8250 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206-1888, U.S.A.
Reservation Tel: +1 (214) 706-0105 Toll free: +1 (800) 245-8918
Please book the accommodation directly through the web page address:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DFWCNDT-FIK-20190125/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
Room Rate: \$149.00 (USD), single or double occupancy, sales tax 15.26% (\$22.74)
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Free Wi-Fi. Hotel is located 3 miles (4.8 km), 5 minutes' drive to Southern Methodist University (SMU) with complimentary shuttle service to campus. Booking deadline: 26th December 2018. Group Name: AUSKF FIK SEMINAR, Group Code: FIK Check-in: 25-JAN-2019

 <u>Access</u>: Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) to the Double Tree Hotel is 20 miles (32.2 km); Limousine shared-ride service (Super Shuttle) rate: \$25 (USD), call toll free (800) 258-3826 for pickup and drop off reservations.

6. <u>Schedule outline</u>:

January 26 (Sat):	Shinpan Seminar	09:00-16:30
	Lunch	12:00-13:00
	Goodwill Keiko	16:45 - 17:30
	Welcome Party	$19:00 \sim 22:00$
January 27 (Sun): Shinpan Seminar		09:00-12:00,
Goodwill Keiko		12:15-13:00

7. <u>Participants expected</u>:

- * Participants should be members of the FIK-affiliated organizations in principle.
- * Participants should be Kendo 5 Dan or higher Dan holders who practice Kendo constantly.
- * No age limitation to participate.
- * It is desirable that five or more members from each FIK-affiliated organization attend the seminar.
- * Candidates for the referees of 18 WKC are strongly encouraged to participate.
- * Nobody can participate in the seminar unless registered officially in advance.
- * Please do not be absent from this seminar except an unavoidable reason.
- * Please wear Kendogi, Hakama, and Tare during the seminar.

8. <u>Expenses</u>:

Participants should bear own expenses for travel, accommodations, and meals

9. <u>Lunch:</u>

Saturday, January 26 lunch, will be served at the Arnold Dining Commons, located next to the seminar venue. The dining hall offers nine different food stations: *Mongolian BBQ/ *Pizzeria/ *Grill/ *Deli/ *Salad Bar/ *Allergen- all products gluten free

*Tex Mex/ *Soft drink beverages, juices, teas, flavored water, Starbucks coffee

Seminar participants can select food from any or all food stations.

A section of the upstairs dining room will be reserved for seminar attendees.

Cost per lunch will be \$12 (USD).

10. <u>Welcome Reception and Banquet</u>:

Saturday, January 26, 19:00-19:30 (Reception) Opus Ballroom at the Highland Hotel of Dallas, located at 5330 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75206 USA. Banquet to follow at 19:30-22:00. The banquet fee is \$60 (USD), does not include alcoholic beverages, however; a cash bar will be available throughout welcome reception and banquet.

Others:

- (1) FIK dispatches three instructors.
- (2) Interpreters (Japanese and English) are available during the seminar.
- (3) FIK plans to send out high level competitors for simulated match at the seminar from Japan and Korea.

Sincerely yours,

Jukio Sato

Yukio SATO, Secretary General International Kendo Federation/FIK