

AYF establishes High-Rank Grading Committee

Tokyo, 21st January, 2017: The Aikido Yoshinkai Foundation (AYF) is pleased to announce the establishment of its high-rank grading committee to evaluate foreign and domestic students of 6th dan and above.

Students who pass the evaluation will be recommended by the committee to Yukihiro Inoue, Chairman of AYF, for final approval.

The committee will gather twice a year, in the spring and the autumn. Members are as follows:

Takafumi Takeno 9th Dan Head of the committee
Highest Shihan, AYF
Kanchō of Aikido Yamanashi Yoshinkan

Susumu Chino 8th Dan Acting Kanchō, AYF

Kai Kuniyuki 9th Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Miyazaki

Ryouji Sakamoto 8th Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Gifu

Tsuneo Ando 8th Dan Head of AYF Shihan
Head of Yoshinkan Aikido Ryu

Masahiko Noriki 6th Dan Head of International Relations, AYF

*Please note the committee is also charged with ratifying the submissions of those applicants who already come recommended by a senior Yoshinkan Aikido instructor. The committee will not evaluate such applicants, but will confirm their new rank.