

Traditional Karate Experts Yamashiro, Ito and Wilder travel to Canada to present at seminar

Yamashiro, Ito and Wilder travel to British Columbia for a multidisciplinary seminar at Kakure dojo, Abbotsford, BC.



Ito Yamashiro Wilder

May 5th, 2007 – Ito, Yamashiro, and Wilder, from Tokyo, Naha, and Seattle respectively, were featured presenters at an evening seminar at the Kakure Isshin-Ryu dojo in Abbotsford, BC (near Vancouver), as guests of Sensei Mike O’Leary,

“The floor was once again covered with all kinds of systems of karate: Isshin-Ryu, Shorin-Ryu, Uechi-Ryu and Goju-Ryu,” said Seattle-based Goju-Ryu karate instructor and author Kris Wilder.

Yamashiro was the key presenter at this event, traveling from his home in Naha, Okinawa to “Seattle and Canada to share his art of Okinawan Kenpo. People came from Canada for the seminar as well as from the U.S. to participate.

“Yamashiro possesses extraordinary power,” said Wilder, “He is able, through visual demonstration alone, to impart a great deal of useful information about balance, stance and structure – universal principles across the martial arts. My job really was to assist with some translation of techniques and let him run the show. I think everybody got a chance to take a little something home with them, something to try out in their own dojo.”

Late nights of karate talk, and working techniques in Sensei O’Leary’s family room preceded the seminar as well as a day of sightseeing.

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