

EXCITING NEWS : 1ST SKC ENGLAND ANNIVERSARY COURSE

At the recent World Championships in France we were delighted to meet and talk with Sensei Namiki 8th Dan and Chief Instructor of the Japan Karate Shotokan Karate-Do Federation.

We so liked Sensei Namiki, his attitude and acceptance of our wish to retain our independence that we subsequently invited him as the Special Guest Instructor to SKC England's 1st Anniversary Course which he has accepted. This very special course will celebrate the tremendous achievements and progress made by SKCE during our first and formative year. More details of the full programme with venues and times will follow later. In the meantime here is a little more information about our illustrious honoured guest:-



Toshiaki Namiki Sensei – 8th Dan Black Belt **Chief Instructor JSKF**

Toshiaki Namiki is one of karate's great masters. Born in Japan on December 9th, 1949, he studied Karate-do from childhood, having as direct professors the greatest masters of that time.

In 1967, while enrolled at Nippon University, he became a member of the university's karate club, for which he won several competitions, including 1st place at All-Japan Karate Tournament. After graduating the Nippon University in 1972, he was named Chief Instructor of the university's karate club.

In 1978 Namiki Sensei went to USA and in 1979 was appointed Professor at the University of Southern California (USC), where he taught karate and self defence as part of the university curriculum.

In 1992 Namiki Sensei moved to Redmond on the outskirts of Seattle, Washington State and founded the Redmond dojo, where he still teaches almost all classes personally. Namiki Sensei conducts seminars in dojos throughout USA, Europe and South America.

Toshiaki Namiki has carried on the tradition of his teachers and of his spiritual mentor Gichin Funakoshi, the Father of Modern Karate, emphasising always the spiritual aspects of Karate-Do.

SKC England and their karateka are looking forward to welcoming Sensei Namiki to be part of this very special course.