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Editorial

By Alex Bennett

In the Editorial, Alex joyfully describes his brand new set of premium handmade *bogu* that took several years to make and cost the same as a medium-sized car, but he also laments on the state of *bogu* production in Japan as there are now no artisans left in Japan who can make a complete set of *bogu* from scratch. In order to try and preserve the craft, *Kendo World* is lobbying the All Japan Kendo Federation to get the last remaining craftsmen designated as National Living Treasures.

The 14th All Japan Invitational 8-dan Kendo Tournament

By Michael Ishimatsu-Prime

A report on the 14th All Japan Invitational Kendo Tournament which was won by Kanagawa's K8-dan Miyazaki Masahiro.

UTS Kendo Seminar: An Interview with Takanabe Susumu and Wako Daisuke

By Clement Guo

Former two-time All Japan Champion and World Champion Takanabe Susumu and All Japan Championship runner-up Wako Daisuke visited UTS Kendo Club in Sydney in December 2015 to hold a seminar. During the seminar they sat down with Clement Guo for an interview and discussed their thoughts on kendo and participating in competitions.

Kendo - Part 2

By Takano Sasabur

Translated and annotated by Alex Bennett

It's a bit difficult to know where to begin when discussing Takano Sasabur's contributions to kendo. He was instrumental in developing the *dan* grading system for kendo, and was also a key member in the committee that created the Nihon Kendo Kata in 1912. His book simply titled *Kend* was a *tour de force* in the creation of a uniform style for modern kendo, and is still considered a classic book by kendoka today. This series of articles will translate Takano's book and the text will be annotated to contextualize its ground-breaking content. This issue of *Kendo World* will feature Chapter 2 which is divided into the following sections: The Objective of Kendo in Education; Teaching Content and Apportioning; Assessment; Kendo Equipment; Grading System.

Kendo for Adults Part 4: The Importance of Kirikaeshi for Mature Practitioners

By Hatano Toshio

Translated by Alex Bennett

In this issue, Hatano-sensei explains the importance of *kirikaeshi* and its benefits.

Uncle Kotay's Kendo Korner - Part2: the pleats in the hakama

By Uncle Kotay

Kendo sage Uncle Kotay dishes out kendo wisdom. In this installment he talks about the meaning of the pleats in kendo *hakama*.

Kendo From Basics

By Kendo Kyoshi 8-dan Hirakawa Nobuo

Translated by Michael Ishimatsu-Prime

Hirakawa Nobuo-sensei's Kendo From Basics was originally published in 1993. It proved to be very popular and went through several printings in the original Japanese. Chinese and Korean language translations have also been made, and now, Kendo World has translated it into English and is hoping to publish it in 2016. As a preview, this edition of Kendo World features a section on "Creating a *dehana* striking opportunity" from the Applied Techniques chapter.... ..

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