

Season's Greetings from the Head Director of KIF

Dear KIF Members,

Looking back on this year, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the KIF members for their efforts that have allowed KIF to grow and develop in various directions.

The international competitions held in 2024 were as follows:

February: European Junior Championships in Malta

June: European Championships in Italy

October: Pan Am Championships in Mexico

October: Eurasia Cup in Armenia

November: European Junior Cup in Malta

Each competition was significantly larger than the previous competitions, and new international competitions were also held. First of all, I would like to thank the hosting countries.

In addition, a junior summer camp in Lithuania, a camp for athletes in Spain, a Central Asian seminar in Kazakhstan, and a Southeast Asian seminar in Vietnam were held.

Furthermore, in August, we were able to join TAFISA (The Association For International Sports for All) as an International Member, which led to the intensification of new activities.

The following international competitions are currently scheduled for 2025.

March: European Junior Championships in Lithuania

July: World Cup in Bulgaria

October: European Championships in Bulgaria

November: Asia-Oceania Championships in Japan

In addition to these, other international competitions and international seminars are also planned. In particular, the World Cup in July, which will be organized by the Bulgarian Kudo Federation and co-organized by the city of Burgas, is planned to be a much larger competition than previous international competitions, and is an extremely challenging undertaking for KIF.

The success of the World Cup will depend on the cooperation of the organizers, as well as all of you, the members of KIF. I sincerely hope that we will be able to hold a wonderful tournament and that we will continue to move forward.

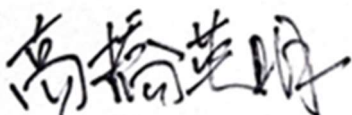
On behalf of the KIF Board of Directors, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you, the KIF members, for your efforts. You have contributed to the development of Kudo so far and will continue to play a key role in its development in the future.

I wish you all a wonderful New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the World Cup next year and working together to improve the world and individuals through Kudo.

Yours sincerely,

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