

## ***Official Statement Regarding Igor Samokhin's New Organization – 3***

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Kudo International Federation

KIF has already issued official statements on this matter on March 3rd and 5th of this year. However, Mr. Samokhin continues to post information on social media that misleads and confuses KIF members. Therefore, KIF is issuing this third official statement.

### **1. Regarding the Relationship with the Legacy of DaidoJuku and Kudo Founder Grand Master Azuma Takashi**

Mr. Samokhin's organization frequently uses expressions that strongly suggest it is the legacy of the founder, Grand Master Azuma Takashi. However, his organization has absolutely no relationship with the legacy or teachings of Grand Master Azuma Takashi. No approval for its succession has been granted whatsoever.

### **2. Regarding the Use of the Terms "Kudo" and "DaidoJuku"**

Mr. Samokhin's organization uses the names "Kudo" and "DaidoJuku" and employs expressions that suggest a "New Kudo." However, KIF (NPO Kudo International Federation) is the sole organization overseeing Kudo globally, and KIF has not authorized Mr. Samokhin's organization. Furthermore, DaidoJuku does not recognize Mr. Samokhin's organization as a friendly group.

In addition, "Kudo" and "DaidoJuku" are trademarked in many countries, including Russia and Ukraine. Therefore, the unauthorized use of these trademarks constitutes an infringement of intellectual property rights and may be subject to legal action.

### **3. Regarding the Dismissal from KIF Board and Withdrawal from KIF and DaidoJuku Membership**

Mr. Samokhin has already been dismissed from his position as a KIF Director and has simultaneously withdrawn from KIF and DaidoJuku membership. In accordance with the "KIF Rank Certification Rules," the ranks approved for Mr. Samokhin and those belonging to his organization during their time as KIF and DaidoJuku members are now invalidated.

Furthermore, no one belonging to Mr. Samokhin's organization will be authorized to receive the Kudo DaidoJuku black belt in the future.

### **4. Regarding the Cancellation of Qualifications**

In the official statement issued on March 3rd, KIF announced the following points. We notify you of them again:

- Mr. Samokhin's new organization is prohibited from using the titles "KUDO" and "DaidoJuku," or their logos and symbols, in any form or language.
- DaidoJuku will not issue belt grades for the new organization, nor recognize belt grades issued by it.

- All DaidoJuku belts and certificates previously held by members who join the new organization will be invalidated.
- The KIF will not approve membership for individuals affiliated with Mr. Samokhin's new organization, and will not allow them to register with the KIF.
- Members of Mr. Samokhin's new organization will be prohibited from participating in official KIF competitions and events.

## 5. Regarding the Unauthorized Use of Intellectual and Technical Assets

Mr. Samokhin is believed to be illegally privatizing training methods, examination systems, and organizational management know-how (technical and operational assets) that DaidoJuku has cultivated over 45 years. This action causes serious misunderstanding among stakeholders and is deeply regrettable.

Furthermore, the "Competition Rules" that KIF has established over more than 25 years are one of KIF's important intellectual assets, and their unauthorized use is not permitted.

## 6. Regarding the Damage to Trust

Mr. Samokhin's actions significantly damage the trust that Kudo and DaidoJuku have built up over many years, and we cannot overlook this.



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05/03/2025

Following a previous official statement on the KIF official website, Mr. Samokhin has continued to make public declarations that are not based on facts.

KIF and Daido-juku consider Mr. Samokhin's behavior—including posting manipulated internal information on social media, persistently criticizing organizational decisions, and making aggressive remarks and insinuations toward fellow members—to be a violation of KIF code of ethics. Therefore, we strongly condemn these actions.

If Mr. Samokhin establishes a new organization after his resignation from KIF, the relationship between his new organization and KIF will be as stated in the previous official statement on the KIF official website.

All KIF members, regardless of their country of affiliation, must refrain from making imprudent public posts and comments on social media, as these actions may cause damage and confusion. For official KIF and Daido-juku announcements, please refer exclusively to the KIF and Daido-juku official websites. If you experience an issue, please consult with your branch chief and make every effort to resolve it locally. If the issue requires headquarters attention, please contact us directly by email, avoiding public contacts through social media.

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03/03/2025

The Kudo International Federation (KIF) addresses recent announcements made by former KIF Director and Ukraine Kudo Federation Branch Chief, Igor Samokhin, concerning the establishment of a new organization. These announcements contain misleading information that may cause confusion. Therefore, the KIF issues the following official statement:

While acknowledging Mr. Samokhin's past contributions to Kudo, the KIF confirms that it has been in ongoing communication with him. Mr. Samokhin was removed from his position as KIF Director and resigned his membership from the KIF and Daido-Juku.

Mr. Samokhin's recent announcement of a new organization has been presented in a manner that falsely implies KIF endorsement or sanction. The KIF unequivocally states that it has no affiliation with Mr. Samokhin's new organization.

Although the KIF members are free to maintain personal friendships, continued misrepresentation and inaccurate information from Mr. Samokhin will result in the removal of his name and rank records from the Daido-Juku register.

**The KIF hereby informs all members that:**

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