Report on the Seminar in Brazil

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I hereby report on my participation in the Brazil Seminar held in Porto Alegre from November 7th to 9th. Due to travel circumstances, I was unable to participate in the full schedule of the seminar and was only able to attend the Belt Promotion Test session on November 9th (Sunday).

November 8 (Saturday)

Departed Japan and arrived in Porto Alegre after transiting through New York and São Paulo.

At the airport, I was warmly welcomed by Brazil's Torres Branch Chief and Mr. Fabricio, one of his students.

November 9 (Sunday) 11:00–15:00 Belt Promotion Test

A Belt Promotion Test was conducted, with a total of six candidates from Brazil and Chile.

While there were some areas in KIHON and IDO that required detailed corrections, the power and strong willingness of the candidates to pass were clearly evident and very favorable.

Regarding throwing and groundwork techniques, all candidates successfully met the required standards. For consecutive Kumite, all six candidates achieved passing marks. The pre-prepared match table for the Kumite portion allowed the examination to proceed smoothly.

After the Promotion Test, a SAYONARA party was kindly hosted at the home of Branch Chief Torres. We were treated to warm hospitality with a wonderful variety of food and drinks, and all attendees enjoyed a very meaningful and pleasant time of exchange.

Summary

Thanks to the great efforts of Branch Chief Torres and the entire Brazilian team, this seminar was successfully concluded. I would like to express my sincere gratitude once again.









