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To: ITKF Board of Directors
From: ITKF Chairman
Re: 2026 ITKF Summer Camp, Canada Proposal

Dear Board:

I hope everyone has had a great summer! I know some of you believe things have been quiet since the World Championships in Berlin, but I assure you it has not been the case for me. Many things have been happening “behind the scenes” and progress has been steady for our organization. I have chosen not to overly publicize our activities because of the rogue organizations that take great delight in attacking every action we take. This creates adverse distractions that I would prefer to avoid.

One of the projects I have been working on is the technical side of the organization. We need to bring our senior people together to ensure everyone is working in harmony to promote the path of ITKF and its legacy as forged by our founding President, Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama. The path of ITKF and its sole purpose is to protect and grow the traditional martial art of karate. While everyone claims to be doing this, most do not understand what that involves, or means specifically.

Truly, it is more than kicking and punching. It is more than operating competitions; it is more than standardizing the physical techniques within the respective systems of training involved in traditional karate. It is about the holistic development of the individual to evolve to the best version of themselves in every aspect of their lives. In other words, it is about human development.

Nishiyama Sensei created a technical program to achieve this objective. He used the ITKF International Summer Camp in San Diego to develop leaders. Many simply thought it was a summer camp to learn more about the techniques of karate. I can assure you that Sensei thought this was a simplistic and short-sighted assessment of his intention for ITKF. I believe it is important for us, as the original and actual ITKF, to continue his tradition. Consequently, I intend to pursue a yearly camp to be held in the Niagara Region of Canada beginning in the summer of 2026. This camp will become centerpiece of our instructor training program. In conjunction with this Central Camp, we will also plan satellite Regional Camps that will follow the same holistic training principles to motivate and encourage the correct path for Traditional Karate practitioners. Consequently, we need to begin our work together, as a team so that we have a strong and vibrant organization to move forward into the future.

Our training is about life – not simply an event. To paraphrase Sensei’s quote in the ITKF Competition Rules, “*Sport coaches produce champions for an event. Budo*



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coaches (which is ITKF) produce champions for life!” That does not diminish the importance of competition as a tool for self-development and improvement. But, we need to understand that tool. We need to remember there is already competition every day in a Traditional Karate dojo – each time we have partner training. However, tournament competition has changed the purpose and objective of such training. We need the ITKF tournament competition to still represent the purpose of the dojo, only on a bigger stage with more unknowns – simply put, a bigger “shi-ai”.. This will better help the athlete in their pursuit of self-development and self-fulfillment.

To begin this process, I am attaching the proposal for the 2026 Summer Camp in Canada with arrival on July 7, training program July 8-12 and departure July 13. It will be held in the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada. The Camp will be on the campus of Brock University which is approximately a 20-minute drive from the famous Niagara Falls. There is a door-to-door ground transportation service available daily from the Toronto Pearson International Airport to the University Campus of Brock University.

The cost will be all inclusive with accommodation, 3 meals per day and training fee included. The training program will include General Training classes for lower ranks and special Instructor Training (Master Program) for senior ranks San-Dan and higher. However, Sho-dan and Ni-dan ranks can attend the instructor classes, but cannot take qualification examinations for judges, examiners or coaches. There will also be Dan examinations also offered.

Please read the proposal carefully. I would like to discuss this and other business matters during a ZOOM meeting which I would like to schedule in the latter part of September. By way of this letter, I am asking our General Secretary, Mr. Michael Bock to contact each of you to establish a meeting date and time that is convenient to all in order that we can set the ITKF Program Calander for the remainder of this year and into the next.

I look forward to our discussions and finalizing the logistics of our events.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman
International Traditional Karate Federation