

Exploring the Spirit of Kendo: Tradition, Philosophy, & Values

MR. TARO ARIGA, ONE OF THE FEW INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE JAPAN TO ATTAIN THE PRESTIGIOUS 8TH DAN RANK IN KENDO, WILL DELIVER A LECTURE ON THE HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF JAPANESE KENDO. HIS INSIGHTS OFFER A RARE AND MEANINGFUL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CULTURAL VALUES, DISCIPLINE, AND PHILOSOPHY EMBEDDED IN TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS.

BORN IN JAPAN AND RAISED IN BRAZIL, MR. ARIGA EXEMPLIFIES THE "FRONTIER SPIRIT," WITH A JOURNEY THAT SPANS CONTINENTS. HE FOUNDED KENDO CLUBS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO IN CANADA AND AT IBM IN JAPAN, AND LATER ESTABLISHED THE BUTOKUDEN MARTIAL ARTS DOJO IN IRVINE, CA. MR. ARIGA REPRESENTED CANADA IN THE WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS SEVEN TIMES, EARNING THIRD PLACE IN THE TEAM COMPETITION ON FOUR OCCASIONS.

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