

What KUDO means!!

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This tournament is the international event in which athletes from many martial arts directly or athletes who have experience such as, Judo, Jujitsu, Sambo, Wrestling, Tai Boxing, Boxing, Wushu, and Pancration etc. will participate.

One of the purposes of martial arts, especially Budo (Judo, Karate-do, Kendo, Aikido, "Kudo" and so on) is to train the mind and body to become strong and utilize that strength for the improvement of our community. Also it is a useful method of cultivating the youth who will contribute to the society through the tough times and events in their life.

Nowadays, education for the youth in the world is on the verge of decay. Budo is, we can dare to say, a vital "tool" to discipline them and a guide even in ourselves. So we have to evade being misunderstood about the value of "Budo" due to bad impression that mere martial arts apt to give people as "violence without philosophy". The word "do" in Kudo means "a way of life".

"KŪ (空)" means three important philosophical concepts.

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Mujou kan (無常觀) : "A view of life as something transient and empty"

In other words, anything that has a shape be crushed or changed in its form someday.
(Therefore it is no good for us to attached or obsessed by things)

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Sougo izon(相互依存) : "Interdependence"

All things exist only because they depend on each other.

(Therefore one should not be Self-righteousness, or self-conceited)

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Huhen Huto(不偏不党) : "open mind, impartiality, liberalism"

We can gain all things if we try to do so earnestly, but in order to be free, we should never persist with them, even day by day affaires, separating ourselves from prejudice, bias and so on.

This perspective/standpoint may be expressed "Open-mindism (coined by Jukucho Azuma) "

But it never means the way of "Self-centered, egoistical" but "Open mind with generous, humble heart in robust belief.

All these three concepts of "Ku" have a heavy, a deep meaning with us.

That is to say, if we meet the any kind of difficulties we must face them positively and never evade without fighting against them in order to gain the ultimate, highest truth.

Thank You.