

Hanshi MIKI has been teaching Karate-Do in the United States since 1966. He has taught in Washington state, TN, and VA prior to arriving in San Diego in 1972. Some of his current students have been under his instruction since 1967.

Hanshi MIKI began his training in Shito-Ryu while a teenager in Japan. He trained with one instructor who taught a form of Shito-Ryu and also trained with Sakagami, a more well-known instructor. It was at Sakagami's dojo where Hanshi MIKI met and became friends with Fumio Demura.

When he came to the US, Hanshi has already earned he is black belt in Shito-Ryu. He taught at an Isshinryu school for an instructor by the name of Steve Armstrong. When Shimabuku (the founder of Isshinryu) came to the US from Japan, Hanshi would travel with him to seminars across the country to translate. Hanshi MIKI maintained his Shito-Ryu affiliation through Teruo Hayashi in Japan, a student of Kosei Kuniba. It was Hayashi's desire that Hanshi begin the JKO. For the next 23 years, from 1972 until 1995, the JKO taught and promoted Hayashi-ha Shito-Ryu.

In 1995 Hanshi MIKI sought out and began to train with Soke Kenzo Mabuni, son of the founder of Shito-Ryu, Kenwa Mabuni. Hanshi MIKI was the first person in the world (other than members of the Mabuni family) to receive 8th Degree Black Belt and to be certified as Hanshi (senior master) of Shito-Ryu Karate-Do from the authentic Shito-Ryu Nippon Karate-Do Kai (the organization of Kenwa Mabuni, founder of Shito-Ryu.)

He is the first foreign resident recipient of 7th degree Black Belt (1989) from the Federation of All Japan Karate-Do Organizations. He also passed the exam on his first attempt.

Hanshi Minobu MIKI is the recipient of a special citation in honor of his years of dedication to the development, spread and instruction of Karate-Do. Hanshi has been teaching and promoting Karate-do, both here and throughout the world, for over 40 years. This special Citation of Meritorious Service was be presented by His Excellency, the Ambassador of Japan.

Hanshi MIKI holds official positions and rank in the following organizations:

- 8th Degree Black Belt; Shito-Ryu Nippon Karate Kai
- 7th Degree Black Belt; Japan Karate Federation
- 4th Degree Black Belt; Hokushin Ittoh Ryu Iai-Do.
- 4th Degree Black Belt; Okinawan Kobudo
- Referee; World Karate Federation
- World Karate Federation Technical Committee Member

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