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To: Members of the Southwestern U.S. Kendo & Iaido Federation  
Members of the All United States Kendo Federation  
Invited Guests

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RE: 2003 Nabeshima Hai Taikai & Texas Open Kendo Tournament

Greetings Fellow Kenshi:

The Dallas/Fort Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai are proud to announce the 9th Nabeshima Cup Invitational Kendo Tournament and the 3rd Texas Open Kendo Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

We have invited a number of high ranking Sensei from around the world to participate in judging the Nabeshima Cup and Texas Open Tournaments, and we are honored by all those who are coming. Among them, Tadanori Ota Sensei has once again graciously accepted our invitation and will be traveling from Japan to join us.

Tadanori Ota Sensei holds the rank of HachiDan Hanshi in Kendo and retired as the Assistant Director of Kendo Training at the Tokyo Police Department. Ota Sensei was also an honorary U.S. Team coach for the 6th World Kendo Championship competition held in Paris, France in 1985. In addition, Ota Sensei helped to establish the Kendo program at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Today, Ota Sensei is the program advisor at Tokai University, and is a member of the Japan Olympic Committee Advisory Board. He is also in charge of organizing and conducting the educational programs of the All Japan Kendo Federation.

All events are sponsored by the Dallas/Fort Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai and the Southwestern U.S. Kendo and Iaido Federation (SWKIF). Events are open for members of the SWKIF, members of other AUSKF regional federations, and invited guests. The Nabeshima Cup Invitational Kendo Tournament is an individual tournament held for all kenshi holding a rank of SanDan or lower. The Texas Open Kendo Tournament is an individual tournament held for all kenshi holding a rank YonDan or higher.

Additionally, rank promotions in Kendo will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2003 to the rank of SanDan. We are still confirming plans for a potential Kendo seminar and Jigeiko. On Friday evening, April 25, 2003 there will be a SWKIF Board of Directors meeting along with an open practice.

Accommodations are in the process of being finalized. An informational packet, complete with applications, insurance waivers and itinerary will be mailed shortly. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact us at the addresses listed below. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing y'all in "Big D".

Yours in the best of spirit,

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