

Wado Summer Camp 2011

Once again hosted by Sensei Iwasaki 7th Dan, this year's Summer Camp proved to be a resounding success. Students and black belt grades from Hungary, Holland, Poland, England and Ireland were represented. The Welcome Party on Saturday night saw some old faces and some new ones.

Gyomaenrod, just two hours from Budapest by train, welcomed us as per usual – a town which is tailor-made for our needs ie good food, comfortable accommodation and spacious training/leisure facilities.

The six-day Summer Camp required dedication, determination and a willingness to engage in a unique learning experience.

Sensei Iwasaki set high standards from the beginning and all of the Wado styles present appreciated his adherence to the principles of the original Grandmaster Ohtsuka. Under Sensei Iwasaki's tutelage a logical progression carried through the week's syllabus ie each day a theme was examined from basic technique through combinations in katas to applications in kumite.

Early-morning runs, Tai-Chi and an intense stretching-regime completed the physical and spiritual journey.

Wado, the quest for Harmony, was pursued and enjoyed by all who attended this Summer Camp in Hungary.

So, set aside the first week in August next year, and book your place as soon as possible. You will not be disappointed!

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