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Dear IJKA Chief Instructor,  
IJKA UK sends warm greetings to you and all the IJKA members in your country.

With the world opening up again, post pandemic, seminars are becoming a feature of IJKA affiliated country calendars once more.

With that thought in mind, IJKA UK are very pleased and delighted to announce that we will be hosting Utsumi Takato Sensei in 2023, for his very first European seminar since appointment as IJKA International Chief Instructor, following the IJKA's sad loss of our founder, Kato Shihan.

Takato Sensei expressed a personal desire to visit the spiritual home of the late Kato Shihan's IJKA, so this is a great honour for our UK association.

Preparations for this event are already well advanced with a recently built indoor sports venue already booked.

We will be holding a two day seminar over the weekend of 7th / 8th October 2023 in the sports venue of Saint Aidan's Church of England High School, in Poulton le Fylde, near Blackpool.

For air travellers, Manchester International airport and Liverpool airport will be the closest choices but there are others further away. For karateka wishing to travel from Europe, many of the European budget airlines fly into the UK and so many air travel options will be available to you all.

Further detailed information should be released in the coming weeks and IJKA UK will be posting updates via the Internet, using all the usual communication channels.

IJKA UK would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm open invitation to any IJKA karateka from the IJKA affiliated countries around the world, to attend the seminar.

Bernard Buys, IJKA South Africa's Chief Instructor, has already expressed his wish to join us.

IJKA UK looks forward to welcoming anyone wishing to join us in making Utsumi Takato Sensei's first visit to the UK memorable.

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Yours in Karate-Do,

Steve – IJKA UK Secretary



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