

Greetings!!

This is a time of flux for the PJA and as with my last message, we are still finding our feet. I recently attended Black Belt exams in Florida and was pleased to see our guys working hard to pass on our art. Congrats to Jim W. and Mike C.!!

In the last couple months I have been asked on several occasions about the ranking structure, the changes, the confusion, and the uncertainty of what was ahead. I pondered this issue and reached out to the Senior Black Belts for their input. I also spoke with PJA Senior Advisors to help with the issue.

What I decided was based on the question, "What is the goal of our organization?"

The answer was two-fold. First was to propagate the Arts of Kodokan Jujitsu. The second is to support our Dojo Sensei's in the pursuit. As such, I felt the best way to support them would be to provide the flexibility of both ranking structures.

The Traditional Ranking Structure would be the 5 Dan System with Rank number and Title. (Rank 1 – Black Belt) This option would use the certificate similar in appearance to those issued by Professor Okazaki and Sensei Montero.

The Contemporary Dan Structure would be the one used by the current Danzan Ryu Community. This would include Shodan through Judan and differing belts based on Ranks.

I hope this provides as much flexibility for our Members to pursue the arts as they see fit.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Warmest Regards
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