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### News from Overseas

**Overseas branch members and overseas members came to Japan one after another**

New Zealand

14 people from the New Zealand General Overseas Branch came to Japan, including Branch General Manager and cheering squad. Six of them participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Kochi Prefecture Open Tournament and Mrs. Stephen brilliantly won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the mixed gender G8 class.



Mexico

Mr. Kazuya Kawakami, General Manager of Mexico City Nichiboku Branch challenged the 1<sup>st</sup> Dan-I and passed the grading test successfully.



## Hong Kong

Four overseas members came to Japan from Hong Kong and challenged the grading test of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu-I. All of them successfully passed the test. There are also young members in their teens and they aim to establish overseas branch in Hong Kong.



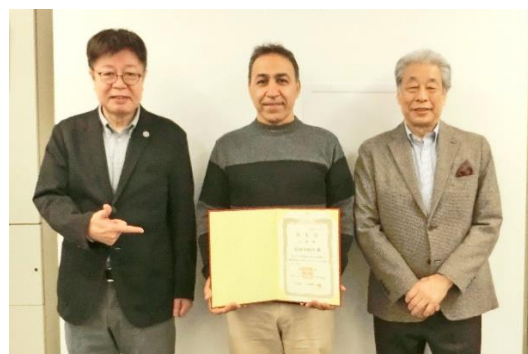
## Poland

From Poland, Mr. Janusz Surma, who has 4<sup>th</sup> Dan-I in Kyudo, challenged the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu-I. He passed the test brilliantly with the high score of 101 points of 3 rounds total.



## Iran

From Iran, six members, including ladies and a junior member, visited us and challenged the grading test. Four of them passed the test successfully, but Mr. Faraji, head of the members, failed to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan-I grading test regrettably. However, he re-challenged the test 4days later and passed successfully this 2<sup>nd</sup> trial.



## Thailand

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, a ceremony commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Bangkok Orchid Branch was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Deputy General Manager of International Department Kaname Shinya traveled from the association's headquarters to read a congratulatory message from Chairman Otabe on his behalf and donated Sport Wellness Fukiya equipment to Branch General Manager and the branch.

The ceremony was held in splendor, with many guests including the Counselor of the Japanese Embassy in Thailand and the Secretary General of the Japanese Association of Thailand.

