

Dear Senseis & Friends,

April 02, 2026

Warm greetings from the Japan Karate Association Philippines.

We sincerely hope this message finds you and your family in excellent health and in the highest of spirits.

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that we formally extend our invitation to you and your members in the **3rd JKA Philippines International Gasshuku & Karate-Do Championship**, to be held on **August 27–30, 2026**. This distinguished four-day event proudly commemorates **70 Years of Philippines–Japan Friendship** and celebrates the vibrant spirit of **Kadayawan**.

This remarkable occasion will feature three of the most respected masters from JKA Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan: **Tatsuya Naka Shihan (7th Dan)**, **Koichiro Okuma Shihan (7th Dan)**, and **Koji Chubachi Sensei (6th Dan)**. We are likewise deeply honored to be guided by our esteemed instructors: **Gilieto Luague Shihan** (JKA Philippines Chairman & Official Representative to JKA Tokyo), **Oscar Obsioma Shihan** (Chief Instructor), and **Raul Andaya Sensei** (Director for Internal & External Affairs).

The Gasshuku and Championship will highlight an elite-level international tournament, bringing together some of the finest karate practitioners from the Philippines and selected countries worldwide. It promises to be an inspiring celebration of technical excellence, discipline, camaraderie, and the enduring spirit of JKA Karate.

The event will take place at the **University of Southeastern Philippines in Davao City**, an ideal venue for this significant international gathering.

Moreover, this event will serve as the **Official Team Trials for JKA Team Philippines**, selecting athletes who will represent the country at the upcoming **Funakoshi Gichin Cup 17th Karate World Championship in Osaka, Japan**.

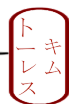
We cordially invite your distinguished team, along with your licensed judges and officials, to join us in this milestone event. This gathering offers an exceptional opportunity to exchange knowledge, strengthen professional relationships, and further unify the JKA Karate community.

Together, let us continue to uphold the values of respect, perseverance, and excellence that define the proud legacy of JKA in the Philippines.

For inquiries or further information, you may reach us at jkawphilippines@gmail.com or via phone at **0917-119-6397 / (043) 756-1804**. You may also visit our website at www.jkaphilippines.net.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you and your members to this historic and memorable occasion. Thank you for your continued dedication and unwavering support in advancing JKA Karate in the Philippines.

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Respectfully yours,
Khim B. Torres
Technical & Tournament Director
Japan Karate Association Philippines



Note: Please find below a concise summary of the schedule for your reference. Comprehensive details are available in the official *Gasshuku and Tournament Guidelines*.

EVENT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

August 27 – JKA Special Gasshuku, Dan Rank & License Qualification Examinations

📍 University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gymnasium, Davao City

- Special Gasshuku for those who will be taking Dan & Qualification exams
- Exclusive to JKA members only
- Includes JKA Dan Rank Examinations (Nidan & above) and Instructor, Judge, and Examiner License Qualifications

August 28 – Gasshuku

📍 University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gymnasium, Davao City

- Open to all Shotokan Karatekas
- Open to both JKA and non-JKA participants (ages 10 and up)
- Open to belt ranks from 7th Kyu (Orange Belt) to Black Belt

August 29 & 30 – International Karate-Do Championship

📍 University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gymnasium, Davao City

- Open to all Shotokan Karatekas
- Open to both JKA and non-JKA participants (ages 6 and up)
- Tryout and preliminary selection of JKA Philippines Team members for the 2027 Funakoshi World Karate Championship in Japan
- Features Individual & Team Kata and Individual & Team Kumite events for male and female divisions across multiple age categories

General Information

I. 4-Day Schedule

August 27, 2026 Friday - Special Gasshuku, Dan and Qualification Exam

ACTIVITY	TIME	PARTICIPANTS	RESOURCE PERSON
Registration	7:00 AM - 7:45 AM		Registration Staff
Session 1	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	All Ranks (Group A, B, C)	Okuma / Chubachi / Naka
Session 2	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	All Ranks (Group A, B, C)	Naka / Okuma / Chubachi
Lunch Break	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		
Dan Exam	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Nidan to Godan	Naka / Okuma / Chubachi
Qualification Exam	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Up to Instructor B, Judge B, Examiner C	Naka / Okuma / Chubachi

August 28, 2026 Thursday - Gasshuku

ACTIVITY	TIME	PARTICIPANTS	RESOURCE PERSON
Registration	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM		Registration Staff
Session 1	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	All Ranks (Group A, B, C)	Chubachi / Naka / Okuma
Session 2	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	All Ranks (Group A, B, C)	Naka / Chubachi / Okuma
Session 3	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	All Ranks (Group A, B, C)	Okuma / Naka / Chubachi
Welcome Party	4:00 PM onwards	Welcome Party (Self-Expense)	

August 29, 2026 Saturday & August 30, 2026 Sunday - JKA Philippines Karate-Do Championship

ACTIVITY	TIME
Registration	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Parade and Opening Ceremony	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Elimination Morning Session	9:00 AM - 12:00 NN
Elimination Afternoon Session	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

ACTIVITY	TIME
Registration	7:00 AM - 7:45 AM
Championship Morning Session	9:30 AM - 12:00 NN
Championship Afternoon Session	1:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closing Program	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SAYONARA PARTY	5:00 PM Onwards (Self-Expense)

II. Fees and Payment Methods

1. GASSHUKU
 - a. For JKA Philippines Member – ₱2,500/person
 - b. For Non-JKA Philippines Member – ₱3,000/person

2. TOURNAMENT
 - a. – ₱500/ Individual event
 - b. – ₱1,500/ Team event

3. Entrance Fee Per Day - ₱200/person at the door
For spectators, non-players, and unregistered coaches. - *(Please inform your members and parents).*

4. Payments send via:
 - a. Domestic Residents - pay using any of this payment method:

Bank Transfer to : Security Bank JKA WFPI Bank Acct
CITY Branch Acct No: 000007-1130-079
Acct Name:JKA WF Philippines Inc.
GCASH: 09395407969
PAYMAYA: 09395407969

5. IMPORTANT: Please email a screenshot copy of your Payment Slip indicating what is the payment for i.e., Gasshuku, Tournament, Dan exam or License Qualification Exam.

If submitting for a dojo, send a Summary List of your Dojo participants to meljkaphl@gmail.com and jkawphilippines@gmail.com so we can properly acknowledge and tag your payment. Please mention what the payment is for and the name of your Dojo/Club or Chapter.

6. Each Dojo or Club must also collect and consolidate all of their member's payments and send the full amount as a one-time payment for the entire Dojo/Club in order to prevent confusion.

III. Deadline of payment and submission of entry forms

1. The deadline of payment and submission of **ALL ENTRY FORMS is July 04, 2026. NO ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**
 - a. Submit each of your members' individual Camp Registration Form, Dojo Summary Form, and Release and Waiver Form to meljkaphl@gmail.com and jkawfphilippines@gmail.com. **It is MANDATORY that each participant in the Gasshuku and/or Tournament must fill up and sign the Release and Waiver Form. You will not be allowed to participate in the event if you did not sign and submit it. Parents must sign on behalf of their child(ren).**
2. Each participant must fill-up the individual Camp Registration Form for Gasshuku and Tournament. Each Dojo or Club must collect all of their members' individual forms and submit them at the same time.
3. Each Dojo or Club must fill-up and submit the DOJO SUMMARY FORM provided in this packet (see link below under Downloadable Forms), to list down all the names of their participants, their events, ranks and age.
4. Each Dojo or Club must also collect and consolidate all of their members' payments and send the full amount as a one-time payment in order to prevent confusion.
5. Please email the screenshot copy of your Payment Slip to meljkaphl@gmail.com and jkawfphilippines@gmail.com so we can properly acknowledge and tag your payment. Please mention what the payment is for and the name of your Dojo or Chapter or Club

NOTE: In case the examinee did not pass the exam, the registration portion of the fee will be refunded.

- Payments send via:
 - Domestic Residents - pay using any of this payment method:
 - Bank Transfer to : Security Bank JKA WFPI Bank Acct
Branch Acct No: 000007-1130-079
Acct Name: JKA WF Philippines Inc.
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Event Place

USEP Gymnasium and Cultural Center

Address: BO. Obrero Inigo Street Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao Del Sur

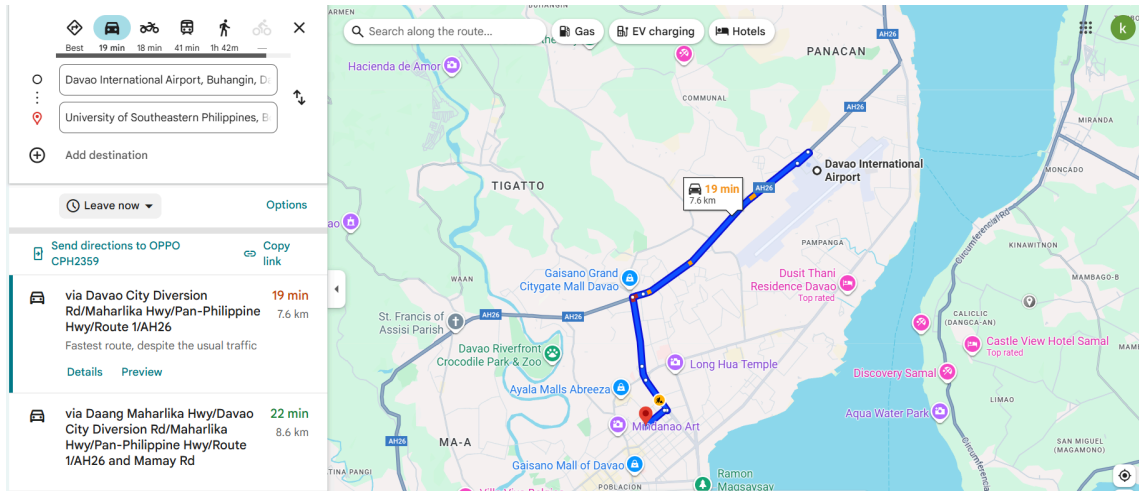


Transportation to and from Davao International Airport

Philippines has Grab Ride (Similar to UBER), it is the fastest and most convenient way to arrive at USEP Gymnasium. From Davao International Airport, travel time may take up 25 minutes to 40 minutes (distance around 10-12 kilometers).

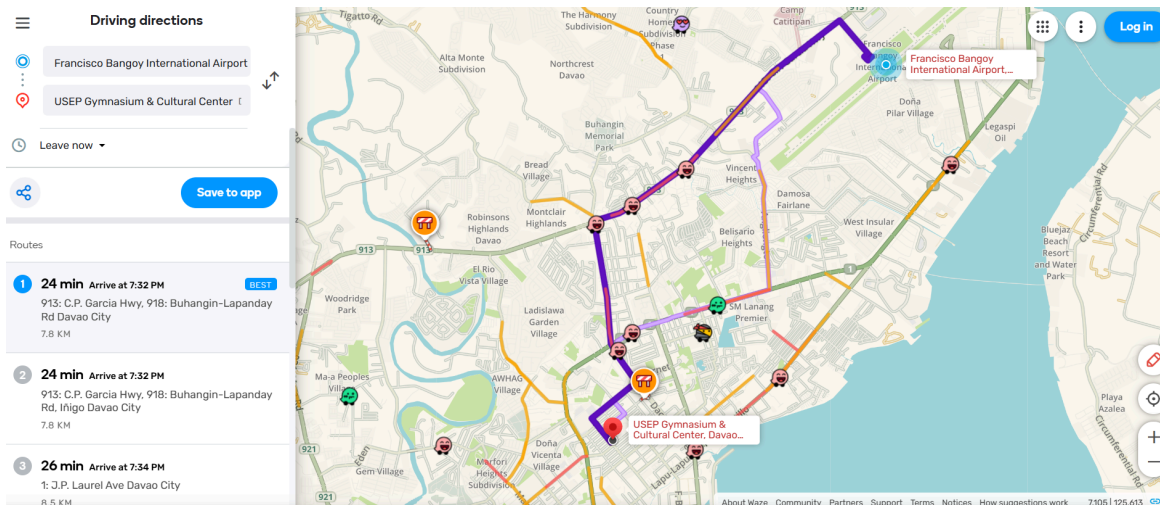
Google Maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/if3JvUufo39x2Y31A>



Waze:

https://www.waze.com/live-map/directions/usep-gymnasium-and-cultural-center-davao-city?to=place.w.82313287.823263940.947655&from=place.w.82313287.823395017.524684&utm_medium=lm_share_directio ns&utm_campaign=default&utm_source=waze_website





List of recommended hotels

(NOTE: These are recommendations only. JKA WF Philippines has no business relations with these hotels.)

Make your travel arrangements with **Boundless Travel & Tours** for your airline reservations, airport transportation, hotel accommodations and city tours to make your travel plans easier and avail discounts.

Boundless Travel & Tours

Davao City, 8000 Davao City, Philippines
Phone: +63 961 843 0028
Email: portiarana@yahoo.com
Boundless Travel & Tours – Facebook (About page)

ACACIA HOTEL

Address: J.P. Laurel Ave, Agdao, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822988088
Website: <http://www.acaciahotelsdavao.com>

SEDA BREEZA HOTEL

Address: J.P. Laurel Ave, Bajada, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822443000
Website: <https://ayalalandhospitality.com/en/seda/hotels/seda-abreeza-davao>

PARK INN RADISSON HOTEL

Address: 1, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822727600
Website: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-davao?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:apac+i:local+e:pji+d:seap+h:PHDVO1>

THE ROYAL MANDAYA HOTEL

Address: J J. Palma Gil St, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822258888

THE PINNACLE HOTEL & SUITES

Address: Sta. Ana Ave, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822213025
Website: <https://www.swiftbook.io/inst/#home?propertyId=722NTlxaQsATVNMI94fMbCokjM244rExqLRFWAprjEzMjQ=&JDRN=Y>

CASA LETICIA BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Address: 3JC5+62M Jose Camus Street, Pelayo St, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone: +63822240501
Website: <https://hotel-ph.com>

SUMO ASIA HOTEL

Address: Mamay Rd, LANANG, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines
Phone:

BLUE VELVET HOTEL & CAFE

Address: 3J86+75P, Rizal Extension corner C.M. Recto Avenue, Davao City, 8000, Philippines

Phone: +63823002000

APO VIEW HOTEL

Address: BGY, J. Camus St, Barangay 4-A, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines

Phone: +63822216430

Website: <https://apoviewhotel.com>

LA ANCLAR HOTEL

Address: 3J86+XJX, Bonifacio St, Poblacion District, Davao City, Davao del Sur, Philippines

Phone: +639998891948

Website: <https://www.laanclahoteldavao.com>

THE MANOR HOTEL

Address: 3J83+VQM, A. Pichon St, Poblacion District, Davao City, Davao del Sur, Philippines

FIRST PACIFIC INN

Address: Mezzanine Floor, Quirino Avenue, Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines

Phone: +63822336491

Website: <http://www.hotelindavao.com>

ROGEN INN

Address: Mt. Apo, Cor Lopez Jaena St, Davao City, 8000 Davao del Sur, Philippines

Phone: +63822276436

Website: <https://www.questreservations.com/rogen-inn/booking>



Event Guidelines and Registrations

IV. WHAT TO BRING

- Karate Gi and Belt - **only white jackets and white pants are the acceptable Karate Gi.** No elaborate marks or print on the Karate Gi will be allowed.
- JKA Passport
- Proof of registration
- Proof of waiver form
- Proof of payment
- Physical copy of local Dan Certificates/Diploma is **MANDATORY**. (DAN and License exam only)

V. GASSHUKU RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Be early to verify registration
- Observe silence during classes/seminars
- Picture taking is allowed in consideration of not disturbing the seminar
- Spectators must remain in their designated areas

VI. DAN RANK AND LICENSURE EXAMINATION

- Be early to verify registration
- DO NOT BE LATE
- Observe silence
- Closed door examination no picture taking is allowed

VII. TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- Karate Gi and Belt - only white jackets and white pants are the acceptable Karate Gi. No elaborate marks or print on the Karate Gi will be allowed.
- Transparent Mouth Guard only, JKA Approved White Gloves, Groin Protector (optional), Chest Protector (optional)
- All Judges must bring their own Whistle, and to wear JKA prescribed uniform of Gray Pants, White Long Sleeves, Maroon Necktie, and Navy Blue Jacket.
- All Coaches must wear Karate Gi and an issued ID or ARMBAND by the Tournament Floor Manager.

REGISTRATION FOR GASSHUKU AND TOURNAMENT IS NOW ACCESSIBLE VIA LINK

[\(PLACE LINK HERE\)](#)

Downloadable Forms

- WAIVER FORM - [PLACE LINK HERE](#)
- DAN EXAMINATION FORM - [PLACE LINK HERE](#)
- JUDGE QUALIFICATION FORM- [PLACE LINK HERE](#)

INDIVIDUAL KATA AND KUMITE DIVISIONS

NOTE : Any Kata division that has **6 or more** competitors must go through the **Elimination Round (flag system)**. Please take note of all of the **Elimination Kata and Tokui Kata Allowed per division**.

Rank	Age Division	Allowed Kata
BEGINNER <i>Male / Female</i> White & Yellow (9th Kyu & 8th Kyu)	6-7 yrs.old	Elimination Kata <i>Taikyoku 1</i> Tokui Kata <i>Taikyoku 1, Heian 1</i>
	8-9 yrs.old	
	10-11 yrs.old	
	12-13 yrs.old	
	14-15 yrs.old	
	16-17 yrs. old	
	18 yrs. old & Up	
NOVICE <i>Male / Female</i> Orange & Green (7th Kyu & 6th Kyu)	6-7 yrs.old	Elimination Kata <i>Heian 1, Heian 2</i> Tokui Kata <i>Heian 1, Heian 2, Heian 3</i>
	8-9 yrs.old	
	10-11 yrs.old	
	12-13 yrs.old	
	14-15 yrs.old	
	16-17 yrs. old	
	18 yrs. old & Up	
INTERMEDIATE <i>Male / Female</i> Blue & Purple (5th Kyu & 4th Kyu)	6-7 yrs.old	Elimination Kata <i>Heian 1 to Heian 4</i> Tokui Kata <i>Heian 1 to Heian 5</i>
	8-9 yrs.old	
	10-11 yrs.old	
	12-13 yrs.old	
	14-15 yrs.old	
	16-17 yrs. old	
	18 yrs. old & Up	
ADVANCED KYU <i>Male / Female</i> Brown (3rd,2nd,1st Kyu)	8-9 yrs.old	Elimination Kata <i>Heian 1 to Heian 5</i> Tokui Kata <i>Bassai Dai, Jion, Enpi, Kanku Dai</i>
	10-11 yrs.old	
	12-13 yrs.old	
	14-15 yrs.old	
	16-17 yrs. old	
	18-39 yrs. old	
	40 yrs. old & Up	

ADVANCED DAN <i>Male / Female</i> Black (1st Dan & Up)	10-11 yrs.old	1st Round Elimination Kata <i>Heian 1 to Tekki 1</i> 2nd Round Elimination Kata <i>Bassai Dai, Jion, Enpi, Kanku Dai</i> Tokui Kata <i>Any Advanced JKA Kata</i>
	12-13 yrs.old	
	14-15 yrs.old	
	16-17 yrs. old	
	18-39 yrs. old	
	40-49 yrs. old	
	50-59 yrs. old	
60 & Up yrs. old		

TEAM KATA

Rank	Age Division	Allowed Kata
ADVANCED DAN <i>Male / Female</i> Only Brown and Black Belts are allowed (3rd Kyu and Above)	16 yrs old and up	<i>Any Advanced JKA Kata</i>

TEAM KUMITE

Rank	Age Division
ADVANCED DAN <i>Male / Female</i> Only Brown and Black Belts are allowed (3rd Kyu and Above)	16 yrs old and up



Kata Rules

- Kata will be judged on the following criteria: focus, stances, complete techniques, rhythm, intensity, kiai & correct basics.
- If kata is not completed, there will be no 2nd chance attempt and will receive a 0. If kiai, move or moves are left out, judges will make appropriate deductions.
- Scoring ranges are as follows: Beginner, Novice & Intermediate will be scored between (7.0 to 8.0) while Advanced Kyu & Dan will be scored between (8.0 to 9.0)
- For finals, White to Brown belts are only allowed to perform katas that are on the Tokui Kata list.
- All divisions will have a point system with 5 judges. Eliminate highest & lowest scores. In case of a tie, contestants must perform another kata.

Note: Only white belts can repeat the same kata.

- Divisions with 6 or more competitors will have an elimination round (flag system). No tie-breaker rounds. In case of a tie, the main judge will decide and choose a winner.

Note: Each Division has a different set of Elimination Katas and Tokui Katas!

Kumite Rules

(Ippon Shobu Rules)

- Ippon Shobu Kumite (1 full point or 2 half-points), 2 minutes (running-time for Children & Juniors / stop-time for Advanced Adults - 18 yrs. Old & Up). To receive a Wazari the technique must have good focus, control, extension & intent. Lower belts will be allowed some leniency.
- Two complete consecutive techniques that score can be an ippon if they are completed before Yame, are in quick succession, and have excellent focus, distance, and timing.
- An ippon may be awarded in the event of an exceptionally well-executed technique. This includes scoring techniques that receive no reaction from the opponent. An ippon is rarely awarded, as the technique must be nearly perfect.

- Competitors can target the body, back, face & head. Only light skin touch on the face is allowed for the children and juniors. Adults may make only light contact to the body, back, face & head, if any at all.
- A competitor may be immediately penalized or disqualified if the contact is intentional or malicious.
- If a competitor shows signs of injury, the judges must determine if there was a contact foul or the person was unprepared. Then a penalty can be given.
- If the time expires before the ippon is scored – decision is called for by judges.
- 1st Tie: Sudden Death (first to score), 1 minute (running-time).
- If the match is still a tie after the Sudden Death: Judges must select a winner based on aggressiveness, skill & attitude.
- Out-of-bounds: (Jogai)
 - 1st warning – Jogai KEIKOKU
 - 2nd warning – Jogai CHUI
 - 3rd warning – Jogai HANSOKU (disqualification).
- Penalties & Contact Foul: (Hansoku)
 - 1st warning – KEIKOKU
 - 2nd warning – HANSOKU CHUI
 - 3rd warning – HANSOKU (disqualification).
- Display of recklessness (Mubobi)
 - 1st warning – Mubobi KEIKOKU
 - 2nd warning – Mubobi CHUI
 - 3rd warning – Mubobi HANSOKU (disqualification).

*All coaches must be aware that no appeals can be made if Hantei is being called. (All coaches need to be in Karate Uniform while coaching on the tatami).