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IAI-JUTSU Demonstration

The Art of Samurai - ultimate fighting technique –

【Manama – February 8, 2011】 The Embassy of Japan in Bahrain will host a demonstration of IAI-JUTSU in cooperation with Ministry of Culture of the Kingdom of Bahrain from 20:00 to 21:00 on 12th February 2011 at the Cultural Hall near the National Museum.

“IAI-JUTSU (the technique of IAI-JUTSU) is one of Samurai’s fighting techniques using Japanese swords, which was established at the end of the Warring States Period (16th century). Since the demonstration of IAI-JUTSU by itself would be too simple but difficult to understand, I will also perform KEN-JUTSU (Japanese sword technique), both by using single sword and double swords, at the same time during”, said Mr. Masato Matsuura, IAI-JUTSU master.

“I am very pleased to have this precious opportunity to introduce and show a live demonstration of IAI-JUTSU. We would be happy to receive as many audience as we can”, said Mr. Hiroto Asaoka, Cultural officer of Japanese Embassy.

About IAI-JUTSU

IAIJUTSU (the technique of IAI JUTSU) is a fighting technique using swords, which was established at the end of the Warring States Period (16th century). Those who pursue this technique are trained on how to wield the sword at his waist (drawing and sheathing it) by imagining enemy with his sword and attacking him.

Later on, during more peaceful times, it was studied as a method of self discipline by the Samurais.

IAI is not only limited to being a training technique for a certain technical skill, but it also includes elements of character building and is said to be a method of self training, so as such it supplements KENJUTSU (a sword technique, the origin of KENDO). Its aim is to create a situation in which it is possible to deal with any opponent without even unsheathing the sword, i.e. in the relaxed attitude or open position.

Japan is the only country in the world, and thus a very rare case, which identifies this comprehensive technique as an independent form of martial arts, beginning from unsheathing the sword while in a sitting position, to returning it to the sheath.

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