



IAF NEWSFLASH!!!

IAF 14th SUMMIT @ NYC YOYOGI SPORTS CENTRE, TOKYO, JAPAN (30 September - 06 October 2024)

1. EVENT FORMAT

The 14th IAF Summit, consisting of the IAF General Assembly Meeting (GA) and the accompanying International Aikido Seminar (IAS), is envisaged to be structured as follows:

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| 29/09/2024 | – arrival, taking up accommodation in Yoyogi and registration of GA delegates |
| 30/09-01/10/2024 | – General Assembly (attended by GA delegates & observers only) |
| 30/09/2024 | – Welcome Party hosted by Aikikai in Yoyogi after meeting (details will be informed) |
| 01/10/2024 | – arrival, taking up accommodation in Yoyogi and registration of IAS participants |
| 02-05/10/2024 | – IAS conducted by various international Aikido instructors |
| 05/10/2024 | – IAF Country Member embukai (afternoon) |
| 06/10/2024 | – Doshu instruction to end seminar, Sayonara Party (for all attendees @ own expense) |
| 07/10/2024 | – Check out and return journey |

2. EVENT REGISTRATION

- Registration shall open in March 2024 when all fees and figures are clear. The website shall be live for online registration by the end of March 2024.
- There is no restriction on the number of participants from any Member Country to take part in the International Aikido Seminar (IAS) at the 14th IAF Summit.
- Only 2 delegates from every IAF Member Country may attend the IAF General Assembly Meeting (GA) to represent the member country in the IAF General Assembly during the 14th IAF Summit.
- In the event of an umbrella organisation representing the IAF member country in the IAF, 3 delegates may be allowed to represent the different groups within the umbrella organisation in the IAF General Assembly Meeting during the Summit.
- The formal delegates representing an IAF Member Country at the IAF General Assembly (GA) must be decided – either by the single organisation Member Countries or between the member organizations forming part of an Umbrella organization - beforehand without delay, and the Member Country must thereafter promptly inform the IAF who its delegates are, but **not later than the end of March 2024**.
- Take note that attendance to and voting at the GA shall also be available online via digital platform.

3. INVITATION LETTER & VISA APPLICATION

Assistance with visa applications and with invitation letters to the 14th IAF Summit event shall be available soon. It is envisaged that these processes shall be available as part of the online registration process. If invitation letters are urgently required sooner, contact me at assistant.gs@aikido-international.org.

4. SEMINAR FEES

- The event fees and figures for the IAF 14th Summit are not yet settled as the final decision on these amounts are still pending. Information regarding this matter shall be circulated as soon as possible.

5. ACCOMMODATION

- Once the registration process has opened, an online portal shall be available where various accommodation arrangements through a travel agency is an option as part of the registration process.
- **Attendees may also arrange their own accommodation in the vicinity of the event venue at own expense.**
- Only a limited amount of accommodation is available in the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre facility.
- Accommodation fees for the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre facility shall be advertised soon.
- Only the following accommodation at NYC Yoyogi Sport Centre is available for the IAF 14th Summit:
 - 1. 150 Type A rooms – available only from 01/10/2024;**
 - 2. 150 Type D rooms – available from 29/09/2024**
- Therefore this accommodation option shall be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
- TAKE NOTE: Type D accommodation will firstly be allocated to the IAF GA delegates of IAF Member Countries before the rest of the rooms shall be made available to the normal attendees to the seminar.
- Both type A and type D are single rooms, but type D is equipped with a bathroom while type A is not.
- For each 10-20 rooms at type A, shared bathrooms and lounge rooms are available, so type A is good for groups to stay there and for communication between various attendees from different countries.
- For those who are accustomed to using a shared bathroom type A should be suitable but for those who cannot use shared bathrooms for cultural reasons, type A is not recommended.
- In type A rooms users must take care of their rooms, for cleaning and changing of bed sheets.
- Type A rooms are planned as accommodation for athletes who participate in physical training sessions, not for normal hotel guests. It is very sparsely equipped and therefore more reasonably priced.
- Type D rooms are almost the same as a normal business hotel. Type D rooms are nevertheless still sparsely equipped and not spacious.

- **An important prerequisite of taking up accommodation in the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre is that the occupants must occupy the rooms as follows:**
 - type A rooms - for the entire Aikido seminar (IN: 01/10/2024 - OUT: 07/10/2024); and**
 - type D rooms - for the entire Summit (IN: 29/09/2024 - OUT: 07/10/2024).**
- View <https://nyc.niye.go.jp/wp/en/accommodation-facilities/> for general information on this facility.

6. **VENUE**

- The IAF intends to accommodate 250 official delegates in the meeting venue for the General Assembly. This may result in not all delegates of each Member Country being accommodated in the main meeting venue, due to the exponential growth in membership of the IAF in recent years. Delegates from Full Member Countries with voting rights shall receive seating preference in the main Meeting venue.
- A separate room near the main meeting room shall be available to house any observers from Non-Member countries as well as delegates and “unofficial observers” from Member countries that cannot be housed in the main meeting room.
- All delegates and observers to the GA must bring along their own laptop computers that can accommodate a digital online connection via wi-fi for the purposes of the GA meeting.
- Strict access control to the main General Assembly venue shall be conducted by the IAF volunteers.

7. **EMBU**

- The Member Country embu is provisionally scheduled on Saturday 05/10/2024 in the afternoon.
- The IAS mat may be divided into blocks so that several embu’s could take place simultaneously.
- DC member Adam Manikowski (adam.manikowshi@aikido-international.org) shall be the Technical Director of these demonstrations wherein only Member Countries shall participate.

The 14th IAF Summit Organizing Committee shall supply more and better information by e-mail and online on the IAF website as soon as possible.

We are committed to make the 14th IAF Summit a memorable experience to all attendees.

We look forward to meeting you all in Tokyo for the 14th IAF Summit!

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