

New York City, June 2nd, 2018

To Onaga Yoshimitsu Kaichō

Dear teacher,

On this special occasion we celebrate your 80th birthday. All of us, your deshi and mago deshi, have been blessed by your wisdom: "Karate Dō is the Ryūkyū tradition of martial arts culture" (空手道は琉球固有の武道文化である). More than 30 years ago, you founded Shinjinbukan in Okinawa with the seed of wisdom (知恵の種). Today, all the Shinjinbukan family celebrates your life and legacy. All your deshi at the Shinjinbukan Honbu Dōjō (神人武館本部道場), those visiting Okinawa on your birthday, and many more around the world offer you their love and devotion.

This year, as we celebrate Onaga Sensei's 80th birthday, our annual registration includes a gift collected by the Shinjinbukan Shibu Chō (神人武館支部長) in the United States (New York, Kentucky), Latvia, France, Germany, Ukraine, Israel, Peru, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. Please accept these gifts as a humble token of our eternal gratitude to our teacher.

Onaga no Ti (翁長の手) is wisdom (知恵). Thus, Onaga Kaichō holds (持てる) the wisdom of Ti (手の知恵) with his hands. Onaga no Ti (翁長の手) is like the smallest seed that sprouts into the biggest tree. The seeds planted by our teacher have sprout into small trees, but one day they will become a big forest. Today, on my teacher's 80th birthday, I bear witness that Onaga no Ti (翁長の手) is true. DonToTai (呑吐待), Onaga's breathing system (呼吸法) is perfect!

Your deshi,

Jimmy Mora

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