

ISP position paper on the Shintaido name

Shintaido name

- International Shintaido Project (ISP) considers Shintaido as the creation of a group of people who worked together in the 1960s and 1970s and contributed to the development and diffusion of Shintaido in the world.
- As a result, the Shintaido name is their common property and, as such, should and can by now be considered in the public domain in the field of body arts, like Judo, Aikido, Yoga, Zen and many more.
- The Shintaido name has been (and is recommended to be) registered in various countries to avoid undue commercial use, **not** to restrict its use by Shintaido instructors who were graduated by official Shintaido organizations in the World: ISF and ISC in the past and ISP today. (It is not clear whether NPO Tenshintaido in Japan is graduating Shintaido instructors or Tenshintaido instructors.)
- Body movements are not patentable (the use of body movements cannot be legally restricted).
- In conclusion, the position of ISP is that it can develop groups of Shintaido practice anywhere in the world, including in Japan.
- ISP has no objection to NPO Tenshintaido developing Shintaido groups anywhere in the world.

Payments to Dr. Aoki sensei

- Payments to Dr. Aoki sensei have not been made on the basis of a trademark or a patent or a license. They had no legal basis.
- They have been done on a voluntary basis in recognition of his leadership in the creation of Shintaido.
- Payments by ISC stopped when Dr. Aoki sensei announced he was retiring from Shintaido and was leading new activities (Kenbu, Tenshintaido) potentially in competition to Shintaido.

- NPO Tenshintocho chose to separate from ISC and to maintain collaboration with Dr. Aoki sensei, and it is currently making payments to Dr. Aoki sensei.
- The position of ISP is that there should be no mandatory payment for the use of the Shintocho name by official Shintocho instructors, including Shintocho instructors in Japan who are members of ISP.
- ISP has no objection to voluntary payments to Dr. Aoki sensei as long as it is clear that they are voluntary and not a condition for the use of the Shintocho name, for access to Shintocho practice, or the right to take Shintocho examinations

Examinations

- The position of ISP is that it can organize examinations anywhere in the world, including in Japan, directly or through its branches.
- ISP has no objection to NPO Tenshintocho organizing Shintocho examinations anywhere in the world.

Events

- The position of ISP is that it can organize Shintocho events in any country in the world, including Japan.
- ISP has no objection to NPO Tenshintocho organizing Shintocho events in any country in the world.

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