

Hello everyone.

I have come back to Nicaragua from Japan, and have stayed here again. I would like to tell you all about what is happening around me. Please enjoy my article, my English is not so good thought.



October 17, 2016, we moved to new Aikido dojo at Japanese garden park of Managua city. We used to have a dojo in the U.C.C university campus. Last June Japanese garden was renovated, then we could rent the small hall in the park during weekday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Today is the first day of Keiko. But we could not use the small hole, because it was scheduled by the government officials. In Nicaragua government officer is NO.1 priority. The administrative person of the park can not say anything to the officers. But I could rent a large hall, instead of the small hall. There are no Tatami mat on the floor. I decided to start Bukiwaza, tantodori.



The left side picture is outside view of the large hall. Exterior of this building and garden are built in Japanese style. There are some slides for the children and fitness machines for the adults in the park. Furthermore there is basketball court. And there are so many security guard officers. I could not understand why so many officers need in this park. But many children, family and young couple in this park are enjoying in relief. However, I do not think that the small and large halls are used effectively. These buildings are used only a few time by only government for the meeting. Ordinary people never use this building. This building was built by Japanese financial assistance. I hope that all Nicaragua citizen feel the special spot, in which Japanese culture are existing. That is why I must have Aikido dojo.



The end of November, I came back from Japan, just after I took physical examination in Japan. While I was in Japan, I asked senior student to teach the classes. But when I came back, only a few students were keeping training. I thought that I have to kick off again. Also, the new dojo was so dirty. The people do not clean after some event was held. We can neither set down on the floor, nor suppress the training partner. We start to wipe down the floor with dust cloth. All men of the students accepted to clean the floor. But women disagreed. She told me that she never walk with bare feet on the floor. It is hard work for us to wipe the floor with hands. If your body is stiff, you can no do it. Indeed, it was a good training.



It has been December. But a few students are coming to practice. The students told me that they were very busy on this month. In the dojo, we do not have tatami. So we have to buy tatami soon. I want to apply for the donation to JICA. And I wonder how much our student can make a contribution for the dojo. Now I am teaching Tantodori and Jodori at the new dojo. They are interested weapon class more than Taijyutsu class. I have to create tantodori techniques against the various attacks. Since I teach Tantodori, I have given considerable attention to the handling of the body movement. I want to show the effective and useful Tantodori techniques in this rough country.



On December 18, we held the last Aikido seminar in 2016. We supposed to start 9:00 am in the morning. But no one came on time. We started around 9:30 am. They don't concern about time. We think that time is money, but they think time is free.

Our main purpose of this seminar is to provide a certification to the students took the promotion examination, and to celebrate our Dojocho promoted Nidan. But the people came to this seminar are a few students from our current dojo. Many students are from Karate dojo, Judo dojo, and Taekwondo dojo. This dojo (left picture) is a place for dojo in the private organization. Our dojo cho is teaching Aikido two times a week. I felt so sad because of our current students are a few in the last seminar.



I heard that our "Aiki soku sekatsu" dojocho has been training Aikido for almost 18 years. He always tell me that I am single man. But he has 6 children and one grand san. It seems to me that it is common matter in Nicaragua. He is strong and honest, but silent. In the seminar, he taught politely and accurately, as I always emphasized in the class. In Nicaragua, even if people practice for long time, they hardly get a chance to be promoted. So when I came back to Japan last month, I asked Aikikai Honbu dojo to promote him. Then he got Nidan certificate. I heard that there are only 2 persons have Nidan in Nicaragua. I hope that he become one of the leader of Aikido association in Nicaragua in the future.

Then December 23, 2016, I taught Jo-kata, Hasso gaeshi in the last class of this yea. I had completed this year lessen.

