Guidelines for the Kodokan Winter International Dan Grading Examination

1. Date and Venue

- **Date**：Kodokan Winter Seminar Final Day
- **Venue**：Kodokan Judo Institute

2. Eligibility

- **Target**： Individuals residing outside of Japan (including Japanese expatriates).
- **Requirements**：
  - Full attendance at the Winter Seminar
  - Compliance with the Kodokan Internal Regulations for Dan Promotion.
  - Candidates for Sho-dan must have at least 1 and a half years of Judo training.
  - **Final eligibility for the specific Dan rank will be determined by the Kodokan.**
    - The Dan grading systems in various countries differ from the Kodokan Dan grading system.
    - Examinations other than "Successive Promotion" (Chikuji-Shodan) may be attempted only once. Subsequent attempts will be treated as Successive Promotion.
    - If you hold a dan rank from your home country but do not hold a Kodokan dan rank, you may be eligible to take the exam for a rank of 1st dan or higher, subject to a comprehensive evaluation of your training history and achievements.

3. Ranks and Required Documents

- **Dan ranks**： Sho-dan (1st dan) - San-dan (3rd dan)
- **Application**：Applicants who requested to take the Dan grading examination during the registration for the Winter Seminar will receive further information from the Grading Department via email.
- **Required Documents**：
  1. **Kodokan Dan Promotion Application Form**
  2. **Letter of Authorization from the Kodokan National Committee**
     If your country does not have a formal committee, this letter is not required.
     【17 Kodokan Committees】
     USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Brazil, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Nepal, and Brunei.

4. Examination Content

Exams will be conducted regardless of whether the candidate currently holds a Kodokan rank.

- **Practical Exam**：
  (1) Fundamental Knowledge (2) Basic Movement (3) Nage-waza (4) Katame-waza (5) Kata (6) Randori (or Yakusoku-geiko).
- **Preliminary test**：
  For 3rd dan exam candidates (Nage-no-Kata)

5. Examination Fee

Fees are non-refundable, regardless of the examination result.

Rank	Fee
Sho-dan (1st dan)	3,300 JPY
Ni-dan (2nd dan)	5,500 JPY
San-dan (3rd dan)	6,600 JPY

6. Quick Reference Chart for Dan Promotion Qualifications for this examination

- The minimum terms of years of Judo training vary depending on the competition results.
  Refer to the below table.
- The competitions (Randori) which are counted as competition results for examination shall be organized or sponsored either by the Kodokan Committee or the federation in one's own country.
- Even if the competition results are sufficient for Dan promotions, examinations are compulsory and the basic knowledge and motions (including Ukemi techniques) can be evaluated jointly with the competition results (in case of Dan promotions based on the competition results).
- For scores of competitions, "win" shall be 1.0 point and "draw" shall be 0.5 point regardless of the opponent's Kodokan Dan.

Sho-dan / 1st dan

Minimum terms of Judo training	Requirements
Less than 1 year	More than 10 points + Examination
1 year or more	6 points or more + Examination
1.5 year or more	Examination Only

Ni-dan / 2nd dan

Minimum terms of Judo training	Requirements
1 year or more	More than 10 points + Examination
1.5 years or more	6 points or more + Examination
3 years or more	Examination Only

*Years since Promotion to present Kodokan grade

San-dan / 3rd dan

Minimum terms of Judo training	Requirements
1.5 years or more	More than 10 points + Examination
2 years or more	6 points or more + Examination
4 years or more	Examination Only

*Years since Promotion to present Kodokan grade

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