

Japanese Martial Arts and Sports Centre "Dojo – Stara Wieś"

Japanese Martial Arts and Sports Centre "Dojo – Stara Wieś", whose construction started in 2003, is a unique complex built in the Polish landscape, yet in accordance with the Japanese canon of architecture. The main investors are Foundation for Traditional Karate Development and Traditional Karate Federation of Poland. The centre was built mainly thanks to the financial support of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism. The investment was also awarded a grant from the Japanese government and the Office of Przedbórz Town and Commune.

The official opening of the Japanese Martial Arts and Sports Centre "Dojo – Stara Wieś" took place on 10 October 2009. The ceremony was held on the birth date of the last Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama – the founder of the International Traditional Karate Federation and the catalyst of the Budo Centre in Stara Wieś, who was honored by the ITKF with the 10th Dan. Sensei Nishiyama's daughter, Ms. Nami Nishiyama, received the award on behalf of her father. The event was combined with the ceremony of the 90th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Poland. The symbolical





opening with a Samurai sword was made by Mr. Lech Wałęsa, former President of Poland, Nobel Peace Prize recipient who was presented with an Honorary Black Belt by Mr. Richard Jorgensen, Chairman of the ITKF.

The centre located on the area of 60 ha includes the following buildings:

- Dojo – including 3 training hall
- Tea house
- An administration building with reception and canteen
- 16 living-houses (each for 7 people), separated from the surrounding by the Japanese garden
- Biological regeneration building
- Sport field

The centre can be used for professional training of Japanese material arts and sports. Amateurs and individual guests can also take advantage of the unique opportunity of comprehensive training and experience the spirit, atmosphere and philosophy of Japanese material arts. “Dojo – Stara Wieś” is a great venue for all kinds of conferences or team-building meetings. Additional classes on Japanese culture, including, among others, sushi making, ikebana, or tea making, will surely make your stay in our centre even more attractive.