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<u>December Report</u>					
New members 1		Total number of adults training 40			
Results of Sogo Shinsa on 14th & 15th December					
Jun-Godan	Ryan Slavin	4th Kyu	Caitlin Baptist	2Y4 step	Greg Burley
Sandan	Cameron Blake	6th Kyu	Hermaan Chen	2Y3 step	Louis Chatfield
Jun-Nidan	Vladimir Roudakov	8th Kyu	Damian Morris	2Y2 step	Duong Thai
			Danielle Gravolin	S5 step	Bastian Hartmann
2nd Kyu	Ana Cuthbert	5Y8 step	Lawrence Monforte	S4 step	Van Morris
<u>Events in January</u>					
<u>1. Getsurei Shinsa</u>			<u>3. This Month's Holiday</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training starts, Thursday 17th 6:00pm~• Shinsa, Friday 25th 6:00pm~			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia Day: 26th Saturday• Australia Day Public Holiday: 28th Monday		
<u>2. Children's Class</u>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's class starts on Thursday 31st.					

A Happy New Year to you all!

I heard ages ago when I was working at Yoshinkan Headquarters that the Dojo lost students with a limited number of new students joining when the economy was booming, while dojo bloomed with new and old students when the economy was bad. Well, when the economy is good people tend to be carried away with lots of money in their pockets, playing and spending on partying with food and drinks at night. Not being interested in hard training or disciplining oneself. On the other hand, when the economy is depressed people tend to live down to earth using their money wisely, not going out at night and finding self-discipline important to live the severe reality. Interesting, isn't it?

We, uchi-deshi's, were paid directly by Master Gozo Shioda with cash in an envelope, and he gave us instructions each time. When the economy was strong, he said, "Though we cannot pay you much as the number of students are low, we must cherish our students with care." Then times changed, and the economy dropped rapidly. As the law of relationship between the economy and the interest in martial arts proved to be right, the number of students grew rapidly. Yet, it meant the businesses of Yoshinkan sponsors went down and therefore they could not afford donating to the Headquarters. So, Master said, "Though I cannot pay you much as the Dojo's income is not high, we must cherish our students with care and polish your spirit and skills hard." Well, the instructions from Master was pretty consistent...

Over recent years, MMA got much popular worldly while the number of Budo practitioners dropped in inverse proportion. It is not about the economy but the trend. However, I believe that anything genuinely good will last no matter how the trends change. I wish the time when people reappraise the importance of discipline will come soon. In meantime, I shall cherish my students with utmost care and I shall hone my techniques and cultivate my spirit. OSU!

2019 Dojo Calendar

Month	Date	Event
January	8 th – 31 st	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	25 th Friday	Getsurei Shinsa
	26 th Saturday	Australia Day
	28 th Monday	Australia Day Public Holiday

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February	5 th – 28 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	22 nd & 23 rd	Getsurei Shinsa
	25 th	Dojo Holiday
March	5 th – 28 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	22 nd & 23 rd	Sogo Shinsa
	25 th	Dojo Holiday
April	2 nd – 30 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	19 th – 22 nd	Easter Holiday
	25 th	Anzac Day
	26 th & 28 th	Getsurei Shinsa
May	6 th	Labour Day
	7 th – 30 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	18 th	Special Class
	24 th & 25 th	Getsurei Shinsa
	27 th	Dojo Holiday
June	4 th – 27 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	28 th & 29 th	Sogo Shinsa
July	1 st	Dojo Holiday
	2 nd – 25 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
August	4 th	24 th Annual Demonstration
	5 th	Dojo Holiday
	6 th – 29 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	14 th	Ekka Holiday
	23 rd & 24 th	Getsurei Shinsa
	26 th	Dojo Holiday
September	3 rd – 26 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	27 th & 28 th	Sogo Shinsa
	30 th	Dojo Holiday
October	1 st – 24 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	7 th	Labour Day
	19 th	Hajime (Senshusei) Class
	25 th & 26 th	Getsurei Shinsa
	28 th	Dojo Holiday
November	5 th – 28 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	16 th	Children's grading demo & X'mas Party
	23 rd	Self Defence Class, Demo, BBQ
	25 th	Dojo Holiday
December	29 th & 30 th	Getsurei Shinsa
	3 rd – 19 th	Self Defence & Introductory Course
	20 th & 21 st	Sogo Shinsa
	24 th ~ 26 th , 30 th ~ 1 st Jan	X'mas & New Year's Day Holiday