European Katori Gasshuku ~ Badajoz, Spain ~ May 4-11, 2020



#### **TETSUTAKA SUGAWARA, MACHIDA, JAPAN**

PEDRO MARTIN GONZALEZ, BADAJOZ, SPAIN

Dear KSR Friends,

In 2020, we will celebrate 25 years with Sugawara Sensei. From that first meeting in Hombu dojo in Machida to the present moment, our teacher has honored us with more than 20 visits to Spain. Our debt to him has no limits and our gratitude and loyalty to him and his school are and will be everlasting.

To commemorate these 25 years with Sugawara Sensei, we in Spain thought of the idea for an European Gasshuku, a meeting that will bring together all the groups of Katori Shinto ryu, who study with Sugawara Sensei in Europe.

Our intention is to meet in Badajoz, Spain, enjoy the practice of Bujutsu together and honor our teacher. Hence, I would like to extend a joyful invitation to all Sugawara Sogo Budo students in Europe, but also Asia and the Americas, to join us for this event.

To be sure, the infrastructure of Badajoz can seem humble, our city small and not as exciting as a metropolis. But Badajoz is steeped in history, both Roman and Arab, and known for excellent cuisine as well as warm hospitality. The weather is often lovely, the environment rather tranquil and the training, for sure, will be worth the trip.

We have planned with Sugawara Sensei to make this event family friendly, so Katorikas can consider including their families for their trip. We will designate plenty of keiko time but also sight-seeing opportunities to historical sites and important centers of our community. Information to these sites are below, as well as an itinerary for the entire week of this event.

I would like to share that Sugawara Sensei will be accompanied by his son (Yuji), daughter-in-law (Mai) and grandson (Ryu). In addition, we will have another outstanding student of Sugawara Sensei's in both Aikido and Katori Shinto ryu, Ikusaburo Kido, a person we all esteem for showing us such kindness when Kenshinkan students visit Japan.

In closing, I humbly ask that you let us know if you are joining us by registering for this gasshuku on our registration page below. Thank you for your time. We hope to see you in Spain in May 2020.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martín González Chief Instructor/Your Friend in Spain Kenshinkan Dojo Badajoz, Spain

# EUROPEAN GASSHUKU Tenshin Shôlen Katori Shintô ryti Tetsutaka Sugawara Sensej Kyoshi Menkyô



Badajoz, Spain Sugawara-Spain 25° Anniversary 4 to 11 may 2020

Information: blog.kenshinkanbadajoz.com

## Register

for May 2020 European Gasshuku

## here.

When you register for the gasshuku, you help us plan for the major details of this event, from the correct number of dinners we order to the best size bus we book for sightseeing trips.

We can also keep you up to date on new information as they become available, such as precise keiko times, excursion details as well as the dinner menu and exact cost.

Thank you and we hope to see you in Spain!

#### **Come to Spain**

If you plan on joining us, and we hope you do, please let us know by registering.

Your visit is important to us so this information helps us plan for your trip. It also helps us answer your questions about hotels and transportation (bus, train, plane). We will do what we can on our end to make your experience as nice as possible.

We truly believe we have planned an exciting event, training in Katori Shinto Ryu with Sugawara Sensei in beautiful Spain. We sincerely hope you will join us!

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From <u>spain.info.com</u>, a bit of information on Badajoz to wet your appetites.

Located on the banks of the Guadiana River, only six kilometers away from Portugal, Badajoz (the largest province in Spain) has always been marked by its proximity to the border. A stroll around the historic quarter will reveal Arab walls, interesting monuments, as well as picturesque streets and porches.



Badajoz is also an excellent starting point for further traveling through the Land of Barros, Merida and the Cornalvo Nature Preserve. In all these places you can try the delicious Extremaduran cuisine.







(Mérida and its Roman City)

(Badajoz and its Arab City)

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## Itinerary

| Gasshuku                    |   |  | Late   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Dates                       | Morning   | Afternoon  | Afternoon  | Evening   |
| <b>May 4</b><br>(Monday)    | <ul> <li>Sugawara Sensei<br/>arrives in Lisbon,<br/>Portugal.</li> </ul>  |  |  |   |
| <b>May 5</b><br>(Tuesday)   | <ul> <li>Explore Lisbon<br/>with Sugawara<br/>Sensei for the day.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Return to Badajoz<br/>in the late<br/>afternoon.</li> </ul>   | • Settle in Badajoz for the week.  |   |
| <b>May 6</b><br>(Wednesday) | <ul> <li>Visit medieval city<br/>of Cáceres (90 km<br/>from Badajoz).</li> <li>Joaquín<br/>Bohórquez, will<br/>serve as guide/<br/>host.</li> </ul>     | • Joaquín<br>Bohórquez is an<br>Aikido and Katori<br>student of<br>Sugawara Sensei's<br>and teaches in<br>Cáceres. | Return to Badajoz<br>in the afternoon.   | <ul> <li>Evening Keiko at<br/>Kenshinkan dojo.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>May 7</b><br>(Thursday)  | <ul> <li>Visit to Roman<br/>city of Mérida (60<br/>km from Badajoz).</li> <li>Francisco Díaz<br/>Barbosa will<br/>serve as /guide/<br/>host.</li> </ul> | • Francisco Díaz<br>Barbosa is a<br>Katori student of<br>Sugawara Sensei's<br>and teaches in<br>Mérida.            | • Return to Badajoz in the afternoon.  | <ul> <li>Evening Keiko at<br/>Kenshinkan dojo.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>May 8</b><br>(Friday)    | <ul> <li>Visit to the Arab<br/>city of Badajoz.</li> </ul>  |  | Official start of<br>European Katori<br>Gasshuku at the<br>University of<br>Extremadura. | <ul> <li>Gasshuku Family<br/>Dinner/25th<br/>Anniversary<br/>Celebration with<br/>Sugawara Sensei.</li> </ul> |
| May 9<br>(Saturday)         | <ul> <li>Morning Keiko for<br/>European<br/>Gasshuku.</li> </ul>  | • Yuji, Mai and Ryu<br>return to Lisbon<br>with Eduardo<br>Marques, a student<br>of Sugawara<br>Sensei's.          | <ul> <li>Afternoon Keiko<br/>for European<br/>Gasshuku.</li> </ul>                       | <ul> <li>Mokurokku &amp; Kyoshi<br/>Certificate ceremony<br/>at Kenshinkan dojo.</li> </ul>                   |

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### Itinerary cont'd

| Gasshuku                  |   |  | Late      |         |
|---------------------------|---|--|-----------|---------|
| Dates                     | Morning   | Afternoon  | Afternoon | Evening |
| <b>May 10</b><br>(Sunday) | <ul> <li>Meet to do a<br/>group activity,<br/>have breakfast<br/>and spend the<br/>morning in<br/>Badajoz.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Travel with<br/>Sugawara Sensei<br/>and Ikusaburo Kido<br/>back to Lisbon.</li> </ul> |           |         |
| <b>May 11</b><br>(Monday) | Sugawara Sensei<br>returns to Japan.  |  |           |         |
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