

The Expulsion of the Japan Karate Association

At the 5th Directing Committee Meeting of the Japan Karatedo Federation held on the 6th of December, 2013, it was decided unanimously to apply for the Imperial grant of the Emperor's/Empress's Cup. Following this decision, JKF went through the regular procedure to approach the Imperial Household Agency through the competent authorities, "The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)".

On the 28th of December, MEXT contacted JKF informing us that the Imperial Household Agency had received an Imperial grant application directly from the Japan Karate Association (JKA), under the name of President Mr. Nobuyuki Nakahara. The Imperial grant application should be made through MEXT which is the competent authority. Naturally, the public interest organisations should regard the compliance as important.

This JKA action, neglecting the proper formalities, has caused MEXT a great deal of trouble, and it has led to JKF losing the trust of MEXT.

It should not be overlooked such an organisation that does not follow the regulations, nor the decision of the JKF Directing Committee meeting, cannot stay in JKF as the cooperative member organisation.

In conclusion, JKF made a decision on the 10th of March 2014 to exclude the Japan Karate Association from our cooperative member organisations.