

October 31, 2011

To all kyudo students and members of Zenko International:

I, Shibata Kanjuro XXI, as the new leader of Zenko International, will strive for what is best for our kyudo family. I plan no significant changes at this time. Membership income will continue to exclusively support Shibata Sensei XX.

I respect the original philosophy of Heki Ryu Bishu Chikurin Ha, which is to welcome all who wish to practice with us. Please call me by the name *Waka Sensei*, meaning “young teacher,” in deference to Sensei. Let us train!

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Declaration of Retirement

To all kyudo students and members of Zenko International:

As of the date above, I, Shibata Kanjuro XX, retire as head of Zenko International. I transfer all authority over the organization to Shibata Kanjuro XXI. It is my hope that our shared kyudo practice will continue to develop under his leadership. I will continue teaching at the Boulder Iba and abroad as much as possible.

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