

## KIREN BUSHINDO

*He started his “budo” (martial arts) career when he was a child, pursuing the philosophy of life. His career is full of glorious victories. From his experiences, however, he realized the importance of training mind rather than competing skills.*

*He established “Bushindo” to pursue the perfection of mind which is the core of “budo” and “Kiren” which is an enjoyable method to train body.*

*- You can become strong when you know your weakness.*

*- Now is the time to live life with the art of fighting.*

*Bonze name: Doryu*

Scholar of “budo” education

Chairman of Zen-nihon Bushindo Rengokai (Federation of All Japan Bushindo)

Professor of Otagoteng University

Advisor of Institute of Budo and Moral Education at Kokushikan University

### <Ken KAZAMA (Doryu) Profile>

- 1943 Born Minoru Tsutsui in Aichi Prefecture.
- 1961 Won the Comprehensive Karate Championship.  
Trained in *bojutsu* (art of using stick as a weapon), *judo*, *kendo*, *kenbu-shigin* (art of sword dance and reciting poems), *sado* (art of tea ceremony), *kado* (art of flower arrangement).
- 1963 Entered Shikoku Head Temple of Shorinji. Won the Shorinji Kempo Championship individual fight in the same year. Also, won the runner-up for *kumiembu* (elaborate show of shorinji kempo movements with a partner).  
Given bonze name as Doryu at Kongo Zen Head Temple of Shorinji.
- 1965 Established Shorinji Kempo Nagoya Chuo-doin (Shorinji Kempo Nagoya Central School). Established Shorinji Kempo Club at Aichi Gakuin University and Chukyo Joshi Tanki University (now changed to Shigakkan University).  
Taught at Rotary Club, Lions Club, Police Academy, American School etc.
- 1969 Started kickboxing. Won the kickboxing middleweight championship of Asia, held in South Korea. Trained in Thailand for kickboxing and established a new record

for number of K.O. wins.

Founded Japan Action Club (JAC) with actor Shinichi Chiba.

- 1972 Played second leading actor in USA Universal film “To Kill a Dragon”. Met Bruce Lee during the film shoot in Hong Kong. Played leading actor and second leading actor in Hong Kong films produced by Bruce Lee. Collaborated with Bruce Lee and John Lee to exchange and develop martial arts techniques. Bruce Lee passed away on July 20th while Kazama and he were preparing to found a film distribution company.
- 1976 Became the first world Champion of Full Contact Professional Karate in the middleweight class.
- 1981 Performed as the representative of Japan Spirits (“Bushindo” and “Kiren”) at the first International Abilympics in front of the Japanese Emperor and Empress. He started research and development of “Kiren” after that.
- 1982 Representative of Martial Arts Japan-US Cultural Exchange (for Japanese side).
- 1984 Representative of Martial Arts Japan-Hungary Cultural Exchange (for Japanese side).
- 1991 Produced Knock down Fight(K-1), First Champion of Knock down Fight
- 1995 Founded youth training center “Kiren Bushindo” in Sekiguchi, Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo.
- 1998 Lecturer at the 20<sup>th</sup> Japan Culture Design Conference in Akita.  
Lecturer at the 21<sup>st</sup> Japan Culture Design Conference in Aomori.  
Advisor of Institute of Budo and Moral Education at Kokushikan University.  
Main panelist of International Budo Symposium.
- 1999 Interviewed about close friendship with Bruce Lee in the New Year special TV program by Tokyo TV “Bruce Lee No Sugao” (True Bruce Lee).  
Lectured at Junior Chamber International Nagoya (Conference for Raising Problems about Youth). Many lectures for schools and municipalities.  
Lecturer at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Japan Culture Design Conference in Kagoshima.
- 2000 Published “Bushido Kyoiku Soron” (Bushido Education Introduction) from the publisher Sojinsha.  
Lectured at special seminar for business magazine “Keizai-kai”.  
Lectured for management group of Tokai area etc.

- Lectured for Yamanashi Prefecture Police Academy and many police officers “Keisatsukan-damashii – Ki wo Kitaeru” (Spirit of the Police – Training strong energy).
- 2001 During the 24<sup>th</sup> Japan Culture Design Conference in Okinawa, was the person in Charge of “All Okinawa Traditional Martial Arts - Comprehensive Martial Arts Performance Festival”.
- 2003 Guest Professor of Otgontenger University in Mongolia.
- 2004 Lectured at Kanto area Police Academy “Mental Preparation as a Leader to Coach Juniors - The Methods of Self Improvement”.  
Appointed by The Mongolian People’s Republic as a producer of an important international project.
- 2005 Director of “Yubokumin Nosangyo Kaihatsu Suishin Kiko” (Nomads Agriculture Development Promoting Organization).  
Head of “Chikyu Juku” (Earth School) in Education Newspaper.
- 2006 Representative member of Mongolia’s 800th Year Festival.  
Person in charge of the project planning for the Japan-Mongolia Friendship Year.  
Director of NPO Japan Self Defense (SD) Sports Association (Cabinet Office Certified).
- 2008 Person in charge of International Culture and Art of Mongolia.  
Set up a preparation team for Film Production of Japanese POW camp in Mongolia.
- 2010 Founded Emina Joy Clinic Ginza  
Awarded “Higashikuninomya Bunka Hosho” (Higashikuninomiya Culture Award).  
Japanese Representative of Chinggis Khaan (aka Genghis Khan) Foundation  
“Fumetsu no Chinggis Khaan” (Immortal Chinggis Khaan).
- 2011 Awarded Mongolia National Sports Medal.  
Announced the Japan-Mongolia co-production of the film “Diamond Dust” (provisional title).  
Lectured at seminar for the Mongolia Democrats Representing Leaders Group and was appointed as an advisor for the party.
- 2012 Founded Japan-Africa Economic and Culture Association(JAECA)

He is actively doing lectures related to companies and education as a scholar of budo and education. He is a martial artist renowned internationally, playing an active part in the promotion of films and events as a coordinate producer. Also he is promoting projects for social welfare activity for children (Ai no Sharin). He is working in a wide field of youth education based on budo as his life work.

Reference: Kazama's oldest son Michitaka Tsutsui (actor)

Works: NHK New Year period drama "Uesugi Youzan" / Leading actor of NHK drama series "Watashi no Aozora" / Role of Head of Aidu-han, Katamori Matsudaira in NHK drama "Shinsengumi" / Role of Hanbee Takenaka in NHK drama "Komyo ga Tsuji" / Film "Boku wa Kimi no Tamenikoso Shininiyuku" / TV drama "Gyokuran" / Leading actor in play "Ookawa Watari" / Leading actor in NHK drama "Saisei no Machi" / Role of detective in "Gonzo" and "Keishicho Keizoku Sousahan" / Role of Masuo-san in live action version of "Sazae-san" etc.

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