

Organizing Committee For The Nakazono Memorial Event

Dear Organizing Committee Members and Participants,

What a great day that was. Of my 43 years in Aikido it was the absolute best Aikido gathering, and I would like to thank each one of the organizing committee members and the participants with all my heart and respect.

When Henry Ellis Sensei had approached me to discuss about organizing a memorial event in honor of my father, Masahilo M. Nakazono, what I had thought about was a small gathering of the old students of my father, who are today, literally, the founding fathers of British Aikido.

What I saw on the mat was all of their students, and among them even the many founding fathers and great masters of Judo, Jujitsu and Karate. They had all come to pay respect to my father, who as he passed away had only a handful of people who came to say goodbye.

The Nakazono Memorial Event in Wales was not a “Goodbye,” it was a joyful and healthy “Thank you” you had all come to express to the soul of my father, and I know he was enjoying the scene from the eternal Paradise.

My father was a lifetime searcher for the Truth Of Life, and through Martial Arts he has built a strong foundation for his own peace of mind and freedom in heart, which throughout his life he has enjoyed sharing with his dear students.

Looking at you on the mat I thought to myself; “Dad did it; look at all these happy, strong and kind people, they are thoroughly enjoying this. This is what he wanted to bring to the people...”

I thank you again and again for coming to the event in the honor of my father, and my life itself (which my father called “Inochi”) keeps increasing in your soul with my father’s dearest and sincere blessings.

To Life.
Sincerely,

Jiro Nakazono