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In 1996 Mr.Gody Renz of Swiss (those days the 3rd grade, promoted to be the 5th grade in 2001) who was studying Chinese medicine those days, founded the Peking Kendo Club.

I guess that Chinese people might begin to learn Kendo there for the first time.

Over 500 Kenshi learned Kendo there until now and about 100 Kenshi have still been learning Kendo.

High Rank Grade-holders have appeared in great number from there.



The Kendo population is estimated now days at around 10,000 all over China.

I have heard that many of them started to be interested in Japanese Samurai through Japanese Animation, Manga, and movie, and they became longed for the figure of Samurai. These may make Chines people start to learn Kendo.

While there are the people who give up to learn because they have to begin with monotonous basic training, the number of people who understand by keeping up the training that Kendo does not mean just beating each other, but means that to learn Kendo is to practice human spirit, has been increasing.



It was the Kendo tournament held in Brazil 2009 that Chinese team took part in Worldwide Kendo tournament for the first time. Many people from all over the world came aiming at gaining Chinese dream to China which was growing drastically as a Factory of the World, and among them there were many Japanese Kenshi who are high grade-holders over the 5th grade.

At that time I was chairman of the Kendo Lovers' Club in Japanese society and worked to make the China Kendo Federation join a World Kendo Federation.

And later I went to Brazil as a head coach of Chinese National Kendo Team after passing the personal interview by Chinese physical culture ministry (= same as Ministry of Education & Science in Japan).

Mr. Yu Diyen is Chairman of the China Kendo Federation and came to Japan as a leader with his Chinese team.

He is Kenshi who took part in the Kendo tournament held in Brazil 2009 and held in Italy 2012.

I asked the participants coming this time why you started Kendo and what you expect Kendo.

The answers are as follows.

1. from Mr.Thienyo Ryu (coming from Shanghai)

I was interested deeply in the Culture of ancient Samurai, so I started to learn Kendo, and now want to apply myself to my training in order to realize straight Kendo in my life.

2. from Mr. Su Dhiao (coming from Yoshu city, sister city of Atsugui)

I was interested in Kendo from the very beginning and expected Kendo friends of each area to exchange each other. Now I belong to Yoshu Kenyukai and I'm in charge of account.

3. Mr.Jienping Hu (coming from Nanking)

My father had been learning Chinese traditional military arts. It was one of the reason why I started to learn Kendo.

I became interested deeply in Kendo which I met coincidentally during my college student days.

I felt, at that time, that I might be able to correct my defects by kendo practice.

For me Kendo is my life itself. Now I'm in charge of Administration Representative of Shanghai and west area in China as an executive of China Kendo Federation.

4. Mr.shunin Chin (coming from Dairen)

I recognized at the very beginning that Kendo is one of sports to build up my constitution, however while training in earnest, I became interested deeply in Kendo because of its deep cultural background.

I have become Kendo instructor and have been coaching children continuously in order many children to become loved kendo.

5. Mr.Yue Ryu (coming from Peking)

I started Kendo training for my health at the very beginning. While giving myself to study Kendo, I became understood that Kendo must be a life-time practice like lifelong goal and now I expect lots of Chinese people to recognize great merit of Kendo.

I want to pass the test to be 4th grade next year.

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In China tools of Kendo are still too expensive for ordinary people to purchase, and it is very difficult to keep gymnasiums because Chinese is overpopulation and Kendo has to struggle for getting space against popular sports Badminton and Ping-Pong.

Besides them, rental fee for gymnasium is also expensive.

We Japanese feel and recognize through my various experiences that the cost of Kendo is almost similar to that of horse riding

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