

To Graduating Students of the
Ikenobo Central Training Institute (Ikenobo Chuo Kenshugakuin)

Special Diploma Advancement for Graduating Students Of the Ikenobo Central Training Institute (Ikenobo Chuo Kenshugakuin)

For graduating students who have received an Advancement Permission Certificate “Shomeisho (Shoshin Shomeisho)”, the following diploma advancement is possible, regardless of the standard time lengths for diploma advancement set by the Ikenobo Headquarters or the Chapter / Study Group.

However, if your next diploma application is made in the usual way, without using the Advancement Permission Certificate “Shomeisho (Shoshin Shomeisho)”, then the certificate becomes void and cannot be used with respect to a future application.

[Procedures for Diploma Advancement]

- ◎ The Advancement Permission Certificate “Shomeisho (Shoshin Shomeisho)” is presented to the Chapter / Study Group, and it must be attached to the diploma application as signed by the Chapter / Study Group President and Chapter / Study Group diploma committee.
- ◎ All other procedures for the application are the same as for normal applications.

[Advancement Guidelines]

- ◎ **Upon completion of Kyoyo A**
 - Current Diploma is # 6, 7, or 8: Advancement to two diplomas higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #9,10, or 11: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #12, 13, or 14: No special advancement is permitted
- ◎ **Upon completion of Kyoyo B**
 - Current Diploma is # 6, 7, or 8: Advancement to two diplomas higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #9,10, or 11: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #12 or 13: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #14: If you are 35 years of age or older, advancement to Junkatoku is permitted. However, if under 35 years of age, no special advancement is permitted.
- ◎ **Upon completion of Senmonka A**
 - Current diploma is #12 or 13: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #14: If you are 35 years of age or older, advancement to Junkatoku is permitted. However, if under 35 years of age, no special advancement is permitted.
- ◎ **Upon completion of Snmonka B**
 - Current diploma is #12 or 13: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
 - Current diploma is #14: If you are 35 years of age or older, advancement to Junkatoku is permitted. However, if under 35 years of age, no special advancement is permitted.
 - Current diploma is Junkatoku: If you are 40 years of age or older, advancement to Katoku is permitted.
- ◎ **Upon completion of Kenkyuka**
 - Current diploma is Junkatoku: If you are 40 years of age or older, advancement to Katoku is permitted.
 - Current diploma is Katoku, Fukusokatoku, or Sokatoku: In general, no special advancement is

permitted. However, advancement according to the usual Chapter application procedures for higher diplomas will of course be accepted.

◎ **Upon graduation from Tokubetsuka**

- Current diploma is #12 or 13: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
- Current diploma is #14: If you 35 years of age or older, advancement to Junkatoku is permitted. However, if under 35 years of age, no special advancement is permitted.
- Current diploma is Junkatoku: If you are 40 years of age or older, advancement to Katoku is permitted.
- Current diploma is Katoku, Fukusokatoku, or Sokatoku: In general, no special advancement is permitted. However, advancement according to the usual Chapter application procedures for higher diplomas will of course be accepted.

◎ **Completion of Sogo Tokubetsuka**

- Current diploma is #12 or 13: Advancement to one diploma higher is permitted.
- Current diploma is #14: If you are 35 years of age or older, advancement to Junkatoku is permitted. However, if under 35 years of age, no special advancement is permitted.
- Current diploma is Junkatoku: If you are 40 years of age or older, advancement to Katoku is permitted.
- Current diploma is Katoku, and you are 50 years of age or older, advancement to Fukusokatoku is permitted.
- Current diploma is Fukusokatoku, and you are 55 years of age or older, advancement to Sokatoku is permitted.

※ Even if the Advancement Permission Certificate is used, your diploma application still requires payment of the usual diploma application fee for the diploma you are applying for.

To Ikenobo Chapters and Study Groups

**Concerning Special Diploma Advancement for Graduating Students Of the
Ikenobo Central Training Institute (Ikenobo Chuo Kenshugakuin)**

We sincerely appreciate your continued effort and support on behalf of Ikenobo.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that special diploma advancement is permitted with respect to students who have graduated from the Ikenobo Central Training Institute (Ikenobo Chuo Kenshugakuin). We ask your cooperation in approving the application of a student who does wish to make this special application, in order to assure that the graduating student will be able to meet the diploma requirements for proceeding to higher courses of study. The Advancement Permission Certificate “Shomeisho (Shoshin Shomeisho)” submitted to you by the student should be attached to the application.

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