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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

6th August 1969

Mr. Fujii Okimitsu is arranging a special Charter Flight to Japan in March-April next year. Depending on numbers this flight will be subsidized by the Japanese Government, the cost of the return flight will be between £190-£200, not more. The normal air return to Japan is plus £500. The flight will leave London 28th March 1970, stop on the continent to collect other passengers, fly over the Pole to Japan, arriving 29th March. About 140 interested persons are required; so far the list of persons going stands at about 98. The return flight will leave Tokyo on April 11th, arriving London after continental stop on April 12th 1970.

Four main attractions exist in Japan at this time. International Kendo Championships; Kendo Team matches in Tokyo April 5th; the Expo '70 Exhibition; Individual Sword sessions to be arranged at main museums for To Ken members.

At this stage, Mr. Okimitsu envisages perhaps five variations on the way in which a member of the party could spend his time.

Plan One. Member is left at Tokyo Airport on March 29th, and collected again in two weeks time. Makes own arrangements entirely. Many travel agents available in Tokyo who will arrange bookings to various centres.

Plan Two. Entirely for Kendo enthusiasts.

Plan Three. For the semi-Kendo man/interests in sword museums etc.

Plan Four. Japan sight-seeing tour, with first class accommodation. Cost about £5 per day maximum, no meals.

Plan Five Sight-seeing Tour with lesser accommodation. About £3 per day maximum; no meals.

A further possibility is the choice to stay in Japanese Youth Hostels, cost about £1 per day.

Cost of meals per day. Western/Japanese about £3 per day. Pure Japanese about 30/- per day. It must be realized that all these quotes for accommodation/meals are approximate; individual taste dictates expenditure.

LIMIT OF BAGGAGE ON TRIP - 44 lbs.

All the above information was compiled from Fujii's introduction to the Scheme given at the August 4th meeting at the Masons Arms. More precise information may be had by writing direct to Fujii. At this moment he would like to hear from members who might be interested in joining the party. No definite commitment is required at this stage.

A definite decision will be wanted at the end of September: for members attending meetings, the October Meeting is the deadline. Then members saying "Yes" will be required to pay a deposit of £40. This deposit cannot be refundable should a member change his mind later. Members interested in further details, should write now to :

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Flat 33, Grandville Court,
Mountview Road,
London, N.4.

KENDO INVITATION

On Saturday, September 13th 1969, members are invited to the Nenriki Dojo. The European Championships are being held there. Finals start at 3 p.m. Five 8th Dan and one 7th Dan will be there; three Hanshi and three Kyoshi. This will be top class Kendo. The address as before, where members attended the Special invitation evening last January :

NENRIKI KENDO DOJO
Trinity School,
Harper Road,
Elephant & Castle,
London. S.E 1.