

This edition of the book *Gorin no Sho* (五輪書) has highlighted the collaboration with Professor Teruo Machida from Nippon Sport Science University, Tokyo. Teruo Machida Sensei is a practitioner of Kendo, holding the rank of Kyōshi 7 Dan, and a student of the Niten Ichi-Ryū sword school, specifically the Noda-Ha branch. His master is Eiki Ichikawa, Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan, the son of Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei .



TERUO MACHIDA, Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan, professor at Nippon Sport Science University, Tokyo (on the left side of the image).

He kindly provided us with the list of successors of this branch, beginning with Miyamoto Musashi and ending with Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei (一川格治先生), the 17th successor of the Noda-Ha school.

After Kakuji ICHIKAWA, the 17th legitimated successor of the Noda-ha, there is no particular successor as an individual; the position has been taken over by the Kendo Federation of Kumamoto Prefecture.



KYOTO TAIKAI: Sensei Eiki Ichikawa (Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan) and Sensei Teruo Machida, Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan (on the right side of the image).

一川英機先生は、第十七代以降二天一流を正式に継承する熊本県剣道連盟から「達士」の称号を授与され、現在は二天一流杉並会の師範として、流儀の存続に寄与している。

Eiki Ichikawa Sensei received the title of “Tasshi” from the Kumamoto Prefectural Kendo Federation, officially certifying the Niten Ichi-ryū style of the 17th generation. Currently, he contributes to the continuation of the style as a Niten Ichi-ryū professor at the Suginamikai association. “Tasshi” is the highest honorary title in the Niten Ichi-ryū (Noda-ha) school.

There are only three Tasshi in Japan. The other two individuals are Ichikawa Hajime and Kitazono Yuichi (both residing in Kumamoto). The first is the younger brother of Ichikawa Eiki Sensei, a Kendo Kyōshi 8 Dan. The latter is the former director of the Kumamoto Martial Arts Gym, holding the rank of Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan.

***Noda-Ha Niten Ichi-Ryū* branch (野田派二天一流) of the *Niten Ichi-Ryū* (二天一流) sword school founded by Musashi Miyamoto Sensei**

On the formal document that Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei received from Sashida Jirō Sensei on June 25, 1971 (昭和46年6月25日), are written the names of the 16 successors of Noda Ha school.

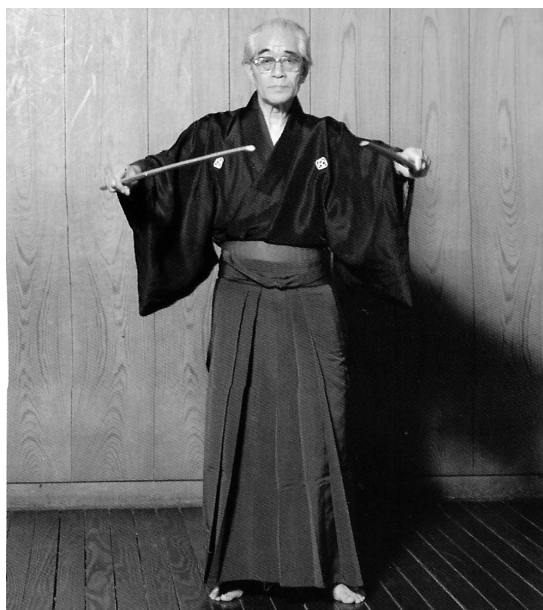
- 1) 新免武蔵藤原玄信 **Shinmen Musashi Fujiwara no Genshin**
- 2) 村上平内源正雄 Murakami Heinai Minamoto no Masao
- 3) 村上平内源正勝 Murakami Heinai Minamoto no Masakatsu
- 4) 村上平内源正之 Murakami Heinai Minamoto no Masayuki
- 5) 野田三郎兵衛平種信 (= 野田一溪種信)

Noda Saburōbei Taira no Tanenobu (= Noda Ikkei Tanenobu)

- 6) 野田三郎兵衛平種勝 Noda Saburōbei Taira no Tanekatsu
- 7) 大塚庄八昭博 Ōtsuka Shōhachi Akihiro
- 8) 大塚又介常清 Ōtsuka Matasuke Tsunekiyo
- 9) 野々村市作永昌 Nonomura Ichisaku Nagamasa
- 10) 伊津野十内 Izuno Jūnai
- 11) 野田三郎八平種久 Noda Saburōhachi Taira no Tanehisa
- 12) 野田辰三郎平種養 Noda Tatsusaburō Taira no Taneyoshi
- 13) 加納軍次 Kanō Gunji
- 14) 指田次郎 Sashida Jirō
- 15) 古賀徳孝 Koga Noritaka
- 16) 志岐太一郎 Shiki Taichirō
- 17) 一川格治 Ichikawa Kakuji

Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei (一川格治先生) is the 17th legitimated successor of the Noda-ha, and there is no particular successor as an individual, after him.

Machida Teruo, Tokyo, December 29, 2023



Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei, 一川格治先生, the 17th successor of the Noda-Ha school.

当流兵法御執心不淺
 多年御鍛錬に付一流奥義御皆伝申上候事
 一、二天一流兵法五輪之記載之事項並に口伝
 以上

流祖 新免武藏藤原玄信
 村上平内源正雄
 村上平内源正勝
 村上平内源正之
 野田三郎兵衛平種信
 野田三郎兵衛平種勝
 大塚庄八昭博
 大塚又助常清
 野々村市作永昌
 伊豆野十内
 野田三郎八平種久
 野田辰三郎種養
 加納軍次
 指田次郎
 古賀徳孝
 志岐太一郎

第十四代師範
 指田次郎
 昭和四十六年六月二十五日
 一川格治殿

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Ichikawa Eiki Sensei (Kendo Kyōshi 7 Dan), the son of the 17th legitimate successor of the Niten Ichi-Ryū (Noda Ha) school, Ichikawa Kakuji Sensei.