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Respected Hideo Watanabe Hanshi,

It is indeed my pleasure to congratulate you on behalf of All Africa Goju Ryu Federation and Seiki Kan Goju Ryu Karate Do on your achievement of teaching karate do in Australia for 30 years.

It is noted that your achievement comes with great effort and personal sacrifice. You left your beloved Japan to face the challenges of a new life in a foreign country. You gave up your professional position and security with Seiko watch company to dedicate your life to search for and to teach the “true way” of goju ryu in Australia.

Shihan over the past 30 years you have built up an international organization of note. You are a highly respected karate master all over the world because of your dedication, compassion and sincerity. We are most proud of your accomplishments, through your efforts the martial arts tradition will continue

Hideo indeed you are the “special person”, one of only a few bubishi trained martial arts masters in our world of today. You are the beacon of light in your efforts to follow the true way of karate do and the code of bushido in the spirit of the samurai.

Your revered teacher master Sudo has taught you well, Sudo sensei passed down the legacy of grandmaster Ichikawa to you “without correction”, we thank him in appreciation of his efforts and for attending this very special embukai.

Watanabe sensei it is our good fortune, and our privilege to receive your teaching. Domo arigato gosai mazu for your outstanding contribution to karate do, to the Australian public and to your deshi in all parts of the world, over this last 30 years.

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