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***Retirement Announcement of Sensei Kenneth Oda
Aiea Taiheiji Judo Club USJF ID # 3190***

This announcement comes with mixed emotions of sadness and happiness. Kenneth Oda will be retiring as Head Sensei for Aiea Taiheiji Judo Club on June 30, 2020.

Judo has been a part of the majority of my life. When I was 7 years old I would walk to take classes, even if I skipped school classes. Just kidding, but this is how much I wanted to learn Judo. Life becomes busy and even if there were no classes to attend, Judo was always in my soul. Time passed and when my family was all grown and time became available for me again. I found the opportunity to come back to it in 1973. It is something I have always enjoyed and it has given me back so much in return. Teaching and practicing Judo has kept me healthy and strong and even saved my life by instinctively falling correctly from a height of over 22 feet with no broken bones and finishing up the job for the day.

Thank you USJF and JBBAH and officials for your aid and information that was given throughout these years. I am proud to have represented Aiea Taiheiji Judo Club and honored to climb in rank to Godan. It has been a great 59 years of service.

My successor will be turned over to Curtis Sano, USJF ID#28097. His email address is Curtisks@hawaii.edu. He has been my student for many years, an excellent competitor throughout the years and recently my assistant in training. He is now ready to be handed the torch. Please welcome him and give him the support and patience everyone has given me in the past.

Sincerely yours,



Sensei Oda