



ASSOCIACIO CATALANA KARATE GOJU RYU



EUROPEAN GOJU RYU KARATE FEDERATION

## XV EUROPEAN SENIOR KARATE GOJU RYU CHAMPIONSHIP

The Catalonian Karate Goju Ryu Association is pleased to invite the Jundokan Federation of Ukraine in the person of the president **Mr. Valeriy Kusi**y to take part in 15th European Karate Goju-Ryu Championships that will take place in Barcelona Spain on September 29th - October 2nd 2011.

We believe that the participation of your string team will make the event we are organizing even more formidable and it will help to have good competition and by that help develop the technical skills of the attending athletes.

Barcelona (Catalan: [bərsə'tonə], Spanish: [barθe'lona]) is the capital and the most populous city of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain, after Madrid, with a population of 1,621,537 within its administrative limits on a land area of 101.4 km<sup>2</sup> (39 sq mi). The urban area of Barcelona extends beyond the administrative city limits with a population of over 4,200,000 on an area of 803 km<sup>2</sup> (310 sq mi) being the sixth-most populous urban area in the European Union after Paris, London, Ruhr area, Madrid and Milan. About five million people live in the Barcelona metropolitan area. It is also Europe's largest metropolis on the Mediterranean coast. It is the main component of a union of adjacent cities and municipalities, with a population of 3,218,071 in an area of 636 km<sup>2</sup> (density 5,060 hab/km<sup>2</sup>). It is located on the Mediterranean coast between the mouths of the rivers Llobregat and Besòs.

Barcelona is today one of the world's leading tourist, economic and cultural-sports centres, and its influences in commerce, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities. Indeed, it is a major economic centre and a growing financial centre (Diagonal Mar area); one of Europe's principal Mediterranean ports, can be found here as well as Barcelona international airport, which handles about 30 million passengers per year. It also boasts an extensive motorway network and is a hub of high-speed rail, particularly that which will link France with Spain. Barcelona is the 16th-most-visited city in the world and 4th most visited in Europe after Paris, London, and Rome, with several million tourists every year. Barcelona is the 16th most "livable city" in the world according to lifestyle magazine Monocle. Similarly, according to Innovation Analysts 2thinknow, Barcelona occupies 13th place in the world on Innovation Cities™ Global Index. It is the 4th richest city by GDP in the European Union and 35th in the world with an output amounting to €177 billion, a figure nonetheless smaller than alternative estimates. Consequently, its GDP per capita output stands at €35,975 – some 44% higher than the European Union average. Similarly, the city of Barcelona stands in 29th place in a list of net personal earnings headed by Zurich. The city is Europe's 3rd and one of the world's most successful as a city brand, both in terms of reputation and assets. Also, Barcelona is 9th most important fashion capital in the world.

I hope to see you on the championship in Barcelona.

Best regards

Jaromir Musil  
General Secretary



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