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## Master Adam Hsu Presents Workshop Sept. 24th & 25th

The Dojo was honored to welcome Master Hsu on his Workshop #7 on Saturday at the Dojo and Sunday at the Santa Monica Branch Dojo. Saturday's Workshop was entitled: "The Ordinary, Unordinary and Extraordinary Kung-fu Usage." On Sunday, Master Hsu dealt with "Tai Chi Chuan Principles for YOUR Martial Art."



Master Hsu during Workshop at the Dojo.

## Welcoming Master Hsu:

First of all, I would like to thank Master Hsu for visiting our Dojo and consenting to conduct this series of Seminars despite his very busy schedule. Master Hsu arrived into Los Angeles on Sept. 23rd with his daughter, Helen, who is attending UCLA. The Seminar was held on the very next day at the Dojo on Saturday and at the Santa Monica Branch Dojo on Sunday. Master Hsu stayed to the 30th, Friday, helping his daughter settle down in her new apartment in Westwood near the campus and visiting "Little Taipei" the ever growing Chinese community in the Alhambra-San Gabriel Valley area. He took the Amtrak Starlight train back to his home in San Jose, where he conducted classes the very next day and went back to his job at the Stanford



About 35 enthusiastic students participated in Master Hsu's Seminar on Sept. 24th & 25th dealing with Kung-fu usage.

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In addition to the Seminar, Master Hsu spent a great deal of his time in bookstores and restaurants in the old and new Chinatown areas exploring and observing the conditions of his community. For myself, it is always a tremendous learning experience.

I met Master Hsu at the International Martial Arts Exhibition in Oakland some years ago about the time he first arrived to San Francisco from Taiwan. Our friendship now spans over fifteen years. Among the many masters from all over the world who attended this Exhibition, Master Hsu impressed me the most with his skill and manner. Later, I found him to be a literal "walking encyclopedia" of Chinese history, martial arts and culture from which I continue to learn.

Master Hsu has concentrated his last several seminars at our Dojo on general usage of Kung-fu technique and usage which can be applied to martial arts in general.

I do believe that these seminars are very unique and original. I am glad to see that our students are broadening their view of martial arts and hope that these seminars will add to their Aikido training. At the very least, I am happy that my students have the opportunity to meet such a great Master which is a very rare and precious chance indeed in this day and age.

I am sure that Master Hsu will consent to teach us again in the future and hope that more and more of my students will benefit from his instruction.



Master Hsu with seminar participants & scene during practice. September 24th.

**Annual Membership Dues & Subscription Fees**

Please remember the Annual Membership Dues are paid in December for your 1995 Membership to the dojo. Please support Your Dojo. Dues are \$25.00 a year per student. Please ask about our Family Rates.

Due to rising costs and the increasing size of the Newsletter, we are forced to request a \$0.75 donation per issue. This is the first time we are asking a fee in the 12 year history of the Dojo Newsletter, thank you for your understanding. For our Supporters and Friends, the annual subscription fee is a \$25.00 donation to support the Dojo. Thank you.

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**Master Hsu Opens  
 Our New Santa  
 Monica Dojo on  
 September 25th.**

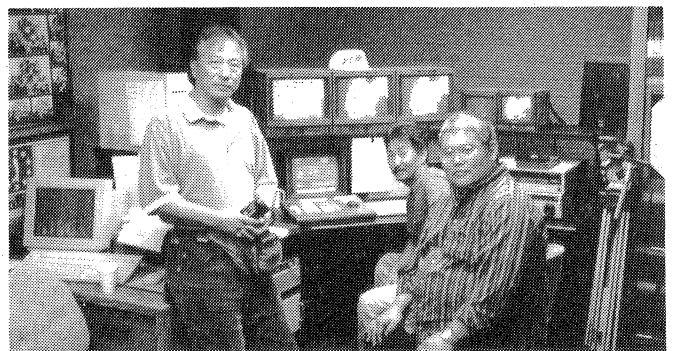


**Master Hsu at the New Santa Monica Dojo. September 25th.**



Master Hsu explaining the finer points of Chinese martial arts. Behind him, in the *tokonoma* is a scroll written in his own hand and presented to Sensei: "The brave warrior never forgets that he can lose his own head at any time." The other framed writing talks about a finely polished sword which is very sharp and has a famous reputation as a weapon yet it admonishes one to see the person who wields the sword. We should stake our lives in what we believe it. We should only allow people to appreciate ourselves based on our own achievements and deeds and not on reputation or name value alone. We always welcome Master Hsu and many students are anxiously awaiting, as well as Sensei, his next visit to our Dojo. Master Hsu is Chairman of the Traditional Wushu Association and the Adam Hsu Kung Fu School in San Francisco and San Jose.

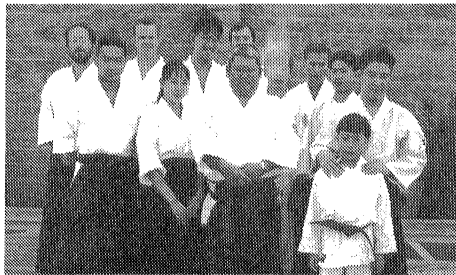
Master Hsu with Sensei and Mark Komuro, producer, of Sensei's nine volume, "The Art of Aikido," currently in the final stages of production. At Unique Publications in Burbank.



(L to R) Mark Komuro, Master Hsu, Curtis Wong - Publisher of Unique Publications, James Lew - Kung Fu master and movie star, and Sensei. At the Smoke House Restaurant in Burbank.

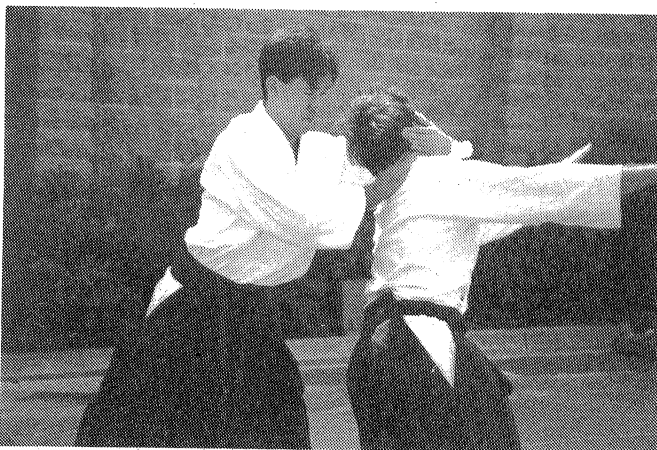


## WEST COVINA AUTUMN FESTIVAL DEMO Oct. 1st.



**I**t was a busy Sunday afternoon on October 1st, with the West Covina San Gabriel Community Center demo for their Autumn Festival at 1:00pm and the Grand Opening of

of the Santa Monica Dojo from 3:00pm. The Grand Opening was well attended with about three hundred visitors. Many thanks to all of the participants: Bill Gillespie, Richard Eloriagga, Ken Watanabe, Kenny Furuya, David Ito, Andy Kissel, Gabriel Zorilla, Kristene Lew, Douglas Lew, Robert Lew, and Mark Ty. Assistants were Cheryl Lew and Bob Toji.



Ken Watanabe, 2nd Dan, at the West Covina Autumn Festival on Oct. 1st.



Richard Eloriagga, 2nd Dan, demonstrating Shiho-nage. Richard is one of the senior members of our Dojo.



Former Olympic and professional boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard joins Aikido. With Sensei at the new Santa Monica Dojo.

## Santa Monica Martial Center Opens Officially October 1st.



Master Jun Chong, Director and Owner, and James Goller, Manager of the Center, presents Sensei with a Plaque of Appreciation at the Grand Opening Ceremonies. Cont.

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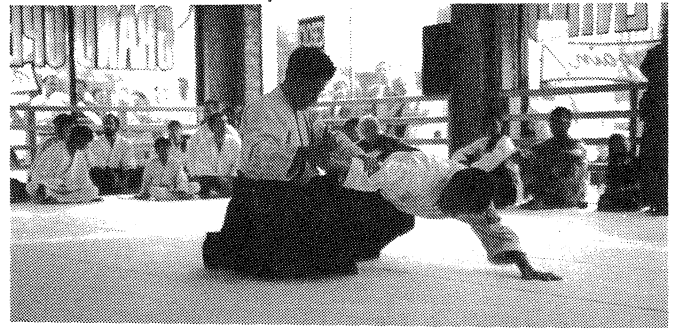
Furuya Sensei & Master Jun Chong with instructors and students of Jun Chong's Tae Kwan Do School.



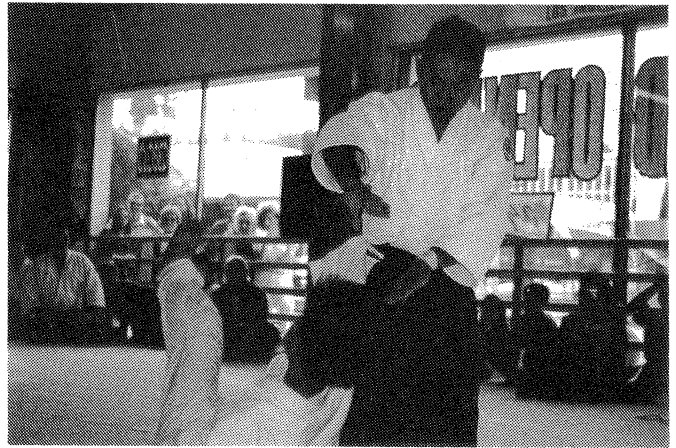
Sensei demonstrating Aikido at the Grand Opening.



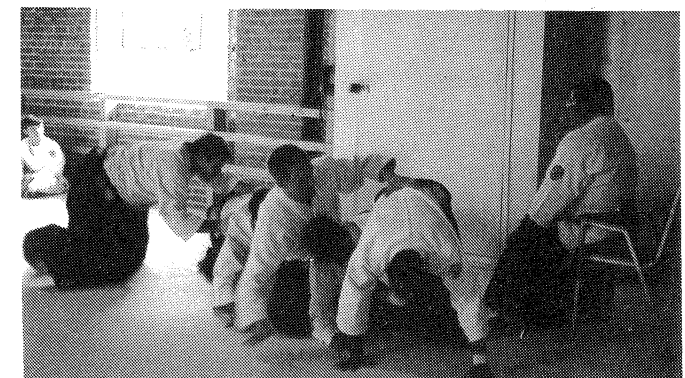
Many spectators were impressed with Sensei's five-man randori free style. Participants from the Dojo were: Bill Gillespie, Ken Watanabe, Richard Eloriagga, Kenny Furuya, Andy Kissel, Gabriel Zorilla, David Ito, Kristene Lew, Douglas Lew, Robert Lew and Mark Ty. Assistants were Dr. Cheryl Lew and Bob Toji. Many thanks for everyone's help on October 1st.



David Ito demonstrating suwari-waza sitting technique.



Ken Furuya demonstrating with Mark Ty.



Sensei demonstrating the "power" of Aikido. Grand Opening Demonstration also included Tae Kwan Do, Kendo and Yoga. About 300 people attended the event in Santa Monica.

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Special Guest Member: Mr. G. Pennewaert, 3rd Dan, originally from Belgium, has joined our training. He is Sugano Sensei's assistant instructor. Photo: Taking uke for Sugano Sensei at Summer Camp '94. Pennewaert Sensei plans to open his own dojo in Newport Beach.

## **Important Dates:**

Nov. 1st. Monthly dues are due. Please remit promptly.

Nov. 4th. Sword Study Class from 7:30pm.

Nov. 11th. Veteran's Day. Morning class from 10:00am.  
No evening classes. No BUDO STUDY CLASS  
tonight.

Nov. 19th. Iaido Intensive Seminar from 6:30am. Monthly  
Breakfast/Meeting follows from 8:30am.

Nov. 24th. Thanksgiving Day. Holiday. Morning 10:00am  
class only. No evening classes.

Nov. 26th. Black Belt Intensive Seminar from 6:30am.

Nov. 26th & 27th. No Iaido practice.

## Candidates for Black Belt

**For 1st Dan Black Belt  
April 26, 1995:**

**Michael Amparano  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Rey Espino  
Sasi Prasertsit**

**November 1, 1995:**

**Kristene Lew  
Douglas Lew**

**For 2nd Dan Black Belt  
Dated to be scheduled:**

**Steven Sahl  
Gabriel Zorilla  
Andy Kissel**

## Aikido Training Schedule

### BEGINNING & OPEN CLASSES

Mondays thru Fridays  
6:15pm - 7:15pm

Mondays & Thursdays  
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturday Mornings  
10:15am - 11:15am

Sunday Mornings  
9:45am - 10:45am

### ADVANCED & INSTRUCTORS' CLASSES

2nd Kyu & up. Bring bokken, jo & tanto.  
All advanced classes are closed to spectators.

Wednesdays  
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturdays  
11:30am - 12:30pm

### MONTHLY BLACK BELT INTENSIVE SEMINAR

Every 4th Saturday of the month.  
6:30am - 8:30am

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

7 yrs - 17 yrs  
Sunday Mornings  
8:30am - 9:30am

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Tuesday Evenings  
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturday Mornings  
9:00am - 10:00am

Sunday Mornings  
7:30am - 8:30am

### MONTHLY INTENSIVE IAIDO SEMINAR

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month. Monthly Meeting follows.  
6:30am - 8:30am

## Special Monthly Study Classes

Japanese Sword Study Class  
Every 1st Friday of the Month from 7:30pm.

Budo Martial Arts Study Class  
Every 2nd Friday of the Month from 7:30pm.

Lecture-discussion series. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Aikido Center of Santa Monica Santa Monica Branch Dojo

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:15pm - 8:15pm

Sundays  
12:15pm - 1:15pm

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in Santa Monica. Freeway close. Parking.