

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Go-Tournament “Japanese Consul General Cup” - Düsseldorf (DE)

Already ten years have passed since the former Japanese Consul General of Düsseldorf Mr. Maruo cooperated with the Go-Club of Düsseldorf and the Go-Association of North Rhine-Westphalia to found the tournament “Japanese Consul General Cup“ in Düsseldorf. The Consul General himself enjoyed the game of go playing as a 4d at that time and by establishing this tournament he aimed at promoting Japanese culture with go as one of its elements.

It fills me with pleasure to look back on the beginning of the tournament and year in and year out it is a great honor for me to represent the Go-Association of North Rhine-Westphalia in cooperating with the Japanese Consulate General in Düsseldorf in organizing the tournament. To give you a better understanding of the tournament, please allow me to show you some impressions from previous years and at the same time be cordially invited to join this year's anniversary at the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 in Düsseldorf. Like all the previous tournaments the anniversary will be opened by a speech of the Consul General and the Japanese Consulate is playing an important role in the organizing.

As promoting Japanese culture is the original idea of the tournament, the whole organizing team is always eager to bring in more Japanese cultural elements than go. The two following pictures show impressions from the last year where participants and viewers could enjoy the Japanese arts of Kendo (swordplay) and Taiko (drums).



Thanks to the main sponsor Japan Airlines many different tournament winners were able to win a flight to Japan and we are happy to announce that this prize will be offered once more to the winner of this year's anniversary tournament. One of the former winners is the multiple German champion Franz-Josef-Dickhut who in the following picture shows its respect at the prize-giving to the Consul General (2<sup>nd</sup> tournament). Furthermore, as the title of tournament implies, the winner receives the Consul General Cup which is also shown in the picture.



Regarding the tournament location the school Cecilien-Gymnasium has shown us its loyalty and only the first tournament took place at a different location. The picture gives you an impression of the tournament atmosphere showing the auditorium of the school.



Besides the weekend main tournament on the 19x19 board there is a one day youth tournament on the 13x13 board which is organized by the German go teacher Helmut Heidrich. Over the last years the youth tournament has developed into one of the biggest youth tournaments in Germany – a development that is highly appraised by the Japanese Consulate General.

On 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 the anniversary will be celebrated and participants and viewers can expect another special program. Let me highlight some of our elements such as the presence of the professional player Hirofumi Ohashi (6p) being dispatched by the Nihon Ki-in, a young Taiko group (drums) and a beginner lecture for the Japanese language. But that's not all and I'd be happy if you join this year's anniversary to see for yourself. This would also give great pleasure to the Japanese Consul General Mr. Mizuuchi and the whole organizing team. To this effect, I hereby once more cordially invite you to be part of the anniversary and all information can be found on the following websites:

Tournament Page: [www.digoc.de](http://www.digoc.de)

English Version: [www.digoc.de/tournament/10th-japanese-consul-general-cup](http://www.digoc.de/tournament/10th-japanese-consul-general-cup)

Best wishes,

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