



Sensei Garry Masters
7th Dan Principal Coach
Ken Shin Kai Yoshinkan Aikido UK

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7th Dan Instructor - Yoshinkan Aikido
1st Dan - Jodo & Iaido

Garry began practising Yoshinkan Aikido in 1978 under the tuition of David Eayrs (founder of Ken Shin Kai and a founder member of the British Aikido Board). Over the years Garry has accumulated an extensive knowledge of Yoshinkan and various other styles of Aikido, receiving additional tuition from Francis Ramasamy (David Eayrs first instructor in Malaysia) and attending seminars taught by Kiyoyuki Terada, Morihiro Saito, Tsuneo Ando, Kyoichi Inoue, Tsutomu Chida, Takefumi Takeno, Yasuhisa Shioda and many others.

In addition to this Garry has also gained experience in Iaido, Shoto, Jodo and Tanjo winning the first ever Jodo championship held in England (Mudan Section) in 1986. Garry has given many Aikido demonstrations, including displays for Prince Andrew, the Japanese Naval Squadron, and Malaysian Sports Minister, Japanese Consul, British Aikido Board and regional television.

Garry has travelled five times to Malaysia, once to Hombu Dojo in Tokyo, Japan and to Moscow and has hosted visits from Kiyoyuki Terada and Francis Ramasamy, in order to extend his and his students knowledge of Aikido. Garry was the Chief Instructor of Ken Shin Kai, from 1985 to 1994. In 1994 after David Eayrs left England to establish Yoshinkan Aikido in Russia, Garry was elected as Principal Coach & Chairman of Ken Shin Kai. In his time as Principal Coach, Garry has obtained International recognition for Ken Shin Kai by establishing it as an Independent Yoshinkan Aikido Organisation, recognised by the Aikido Yoshinkan Federation (AYF), the headquarters for *Yoshinkan Aikido based in Japan.

Garry holds the ranks of 7th Dan Instructor Yoshinkan Aikido (Japan) issued by the Yoshinkan Hombu dojo in Tokyo, Japan, 5th Dan Instructor Mushinkan (Malaysia), 1st Dan Jodo and 1st Dan Iaido. Garry was previously graded to 6th Dan Yoshinkan by Kiyoyuki Terada Sensei in the UK in April 2002 and 5th Dan Yoshinkan by Kyoichi Inoue Sensei in France in 1996.

All of this has been achieved by Garry, despite the fact that in view of a heart condition, and having suffered a brain haemorrhage, he had been advised not to participate in any type of sport or physical exercise from a very early age.

*only dojos and instructors registered with the Yoshinkan Honbu Dojo are permitted to use the Yoshinkan Aikido name (www.yoshinkan.net)