

Vocabulary

A

Age Verb : Ageru = lift up

Age Uchi Hitting by bringing up

Aruki Verb : Aruku = to walk

Ashi - Soku = leg, foot

Ashi Barai - Harai = sweeping of (or with) the leg

В

Barai - Arai = to sweep

Bô Stick of 6 Shaku long (about 1m and 80 cm)

Biken Secret sword (Bi=Hi: hidden, secret)

Bujinkan 1) House of the god of war, 2) Chinese

nickname of Takamatsu Sensei (Wu Sen)

Buki Weapons

Butsumetsu Ribs and floating ribs

Buyu Comrades in arms

C

Chi no kata Sequence of the Earth

Chûdan 1) Average level, 2) Middle, 3) 2nd level

D

Daijôdan Sword: position with the sword high

above the head

Dan Degree, level

Dô Belly, abdomen, ribs

Dôjô Place to study the way

Dori - Tori, verb: Toru = take, grab

F

Fu no kata Sequence of the Wind

Fudô Ken Closed fist

G

Gaeshi - Kaeshi, to counter

Gake Precipice

Ganseki Stone

Garami To keep enfolded

Gata - Kata = 1) Sequence, 2) Shoulder, 3)

Number 1

Gedan The lower level

Gogyô The five Japanese elements: Earth (Chi),

Water (Sui), Fire (Ka), Wind (Fu), Void (Ku)

Gorin Kudaki breaking the five elements

Gyaku 1) luxation; 2) opposite; 3) inverse

H

Hachimonji Buri Making eight shapes with the weapon,

using one hand

Hakama Skirt with folds

Hanbô 90 cm long stick (han : half = a half Bô)

Happô - Achi + Ho = eight directions (in all

directions)

Harai To strike

Hassô no kamae Position with the sword held vertically

along the face

Heito no kamae Bô: position with the Bo held

horizontally at the back

Hidari left

Hira Ichimonji

no kamae Big, imposing position with the two

arms held horizontally

Hiryû The flying dragon

Hombu Headquarters

Hon Fundamental, root, basics

Hon Gyaku First luxation of the wrist

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Ichi Number 1 (a horizontal line in Japanese)

Ichimonji

no kamae Basic position, one arm held out, the other

arm placed on it, position resembling the

number 1

Ichô

no kamae Ichimonji position with the leg lifted up

Ihen - I : Azamuku = deceive

- Hen: henka = to change, the change,

variation

J

Jo Stick between 1m 26 cm and 1m 29 cm

long

Jôdan Kiri Sword = cut coming from above

Jûgôdan The 15^{ème} Dan

Jûji n° X (the shape of a cross in Japanese)



Jûji dori Grabbing cross like (in shape of n° X)

Jûmonji Shape of n° X

Juppô Ten directions

Juppô Sesshô Reception in the ten directions

Jutsu 1) War technique, 2) Art

K

Kaiden Initiation in all the mysteries (secrets) of

an art

Kage Shadow

Kagete Hand(s) in the shadow

Kage no Itto sword: a way to draw the horizontal

sword at the back

Kake - Gake = 1) to hook; 2) to break itself; 3)

to run; 4) precipice

Kamae Position (physical and mental), attitude

Ka no kata Sequence of the Fire

Kasumi 1) Fog, 2)Temple

Katana Japanese sword

Katate With one hand

Keiko - Geiko = training, practice

Ken 1) weapon, 2) blow, 3) sword

Kesa Lapel of a jacket

Kihon Basic sequence – move, technique

Kiri - Giri = cut

Kiri no Hitô Ha The Pawlawnia leaf

Kissaki The point of the sword

Ko little

Kodachi (Ko + Tachi) small sword (30 to 50 cm)

Koshi - Goshi = hip

Koshi ori To break the hip

Kote Wrist, forearm

Kubi neck

Kudaki To break

Kugyo Happô Biken : title given to the 15th Dan

Kukishin Ryû One of the 9 Bujinkan schools

Kunai Blunt knife with multiple uses

Kû no kata Sequence of the Void

Kyokotsu Breastbone

Kuri kaeshi To pass a weapon behind the body and

catch it above the shoulder, like. Kage

no Itto

Kyû 1) Number 9, 2) Degree

M

Mae - Zenpo = forward, in front

Maki komi To enfold

Manriki Chain with the power of ten thousand

men (Manriki Gusari)

Mawari Dori Turning capture

Mawashi To turn

Men Face

Menkyô 1) The authorization, 2) The diploma, 3)

The licence

Metsubushi 1) Blinding powder (Togakure School), 2) By

ext. masking the opponent's sight

Migi Right

Mizu Tori Mizu = water, Tori = bird

Moguri - Muguru = to pass underneath

Moguri kata To lower oneself on the legs or to pass

underneath

Munen Muso

No Kamae Hanbô technique: position without

intention, without idea

Musô Without intention

N

Nagamaki Like the Naginata, but the stick is shorter

and the blade is longer

Naginata Big spear made of a Bo with the blade of

a sword

Naname Diagonal

Ninja A person of perseverance

Ninjatô The Ninja's sword

Nijigen no sekai World in 2 dimensions

Nuki To draw a sword

O

Omote 1) Outside, 2) In front, 3) Above

Oni Demon

Oni Kudaki Luxation technique, breaking the

demon's horns

Otonashi Hanbô: position of the Hanbô

horizontal at the back

Otoshi - Ototsu = stuck in, dropped

R

Rakka Falling petal

Ryû 1) System, 2) Dragon, 3) By ext.: school

S

Sabaki 1) Solve, 2) Action

Samurai Warrior from Feudal Japan, the one who

serves

Sanjigen

no sekai World in 3 dimensions

Sanshin Instantaneous move, without prior thought

Sayu From two sides

Seigan To aim at the eyes

Sensei 1) Teacher, 2) The one who is before

Sesshô Exchange, change, negotiation

Shaken Throwing star of the Togakure School

Shaku Measure unit, about 30 cm

Shidôshi Master instructors (starting from the 5th

Dan)

Shihan 1) Title given to the highest school

degrees, 2) Title given to a teacher

having a Dôjô

Shihô - Shi = four; Ho = direction

Shikomi Zue Rigged weapon

Shishi geki To enter and to stab

Shizen Natural

Shôden First level, basic level

Shotô Small sword

Shuko 1) Steel claws, 2) Back of the hand

Shuriken - Shaken = throwing weapon (stars or

other)

So Spear

Soku Gyaku (Soku = leg) kick with the tip of the toe

Sui no kata Sequence of the Water

Suwari On the ground, on the knees

Suzu Testicles, pubis

T

Tachi 1) Standing up, 2) Big cavalry sword

Tai - Dai = 1) body, 2) big

Taijutsu Technique done with the body

Take Bamboo

Take Ori Luxation of the wrist without twisting,

breaking the bamboo

Tantô Knife

Tatami a mat

Tate 1) Vertical, 2) Shield

Ten Sky

Tenchi Sky-Earth

Tenchijin

no kamae Bô held vertically at the side of the body

(=Hassô)

Tentô Fontanelle, top of the head

Tobi To jump, the jump

Tori comes from Toru = to take, 1) the one

who does the technique, 2) to grab

Tsuka The handle of the sword

Tsuki 1) to hit, 2) the hit

Tsuki no wa Full moon

Tsune Leg, shin

U

Uchi 1) Inside, 2) Against, 3) Hit or pressure

Uchimata throw from the inside of the legs

Ude Arm

Uke 1) The one who receives, 2) To counter

Ukemi 1) Roll, 2) Fall breaker, 3) To defend

Ura 1) Inside, 2) Underneath, 3) Behind

Ushiro - Kohô = back, behind

W

Waki Side, lateral

Waza Techniques

Y

Yari Spear

Yoko - Soku Hô = side

Yoroi Armour

