



**2022 Fall Gasshuku/Shinsa  
Vancouver, Canada  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Venue:** The Arbutus Club  
Dance Studios A&B  
2001 Nanton Avenue  
Vancouver, BC

**Cost:** \$165 for all 3 Days (Free for members of the Nippon Shihan Kai)

**\*\* \$60 For kids from the Vancouver / Richmond Dojo for Kids 1  
Hour Sessions for all 3 Days \*\***

**\*\*\*For Arbutus Club Members admission fees are debited  
automatically / Non AC Members fees can be paid at the door**

**\*\*\*\*Admission Fees are in Canadian Funds, Grading Fees are in  
US denominations or Japanese Yen**

**Contact:** Please reach out to your Sensei to contact William & Alice  
Chung

Dear Shito Ryu Members,

On behalf of Shito Ryu Canada Karatedo Kai, we'd like to invite you to take part in our first Shito Ryu Gasshuku/Shinsa held in Canada. We are also very blessed as Mabuni Soke will be present at this event and will have a small contingent from Japan who will be assisting in the instructions. We are also honored to have at this event several high-level Shihan from the United States and Mexico in attendance.

We understand that we are still in difficult times in the pandemic, but we will try our best to make this event memorable for those in attendance.

Shihan who will be at the event:

**From Japan**



Mabuni Tsukasa Soke



Sakai Kazuo Hanshi



Tashiro Takaya Tasshi



Kurose Tetsuya Renshi

**From United States**

John Bartholomay Hanshi, Kevin Hammond Kyoshi, Shawn Ross Renshi, and Mari-jo Suzuki Renshi

**From Mexico**

Rosendo Geronimo Kyoshi, Roberto Geronimo Renshi, and Magdelano Lopez Renshi

**From Canada**

William Chung Kyoshi, Alice Chung Renshi, and Garson Ho Renshi

## **Accommodations**

For hotels, there is the Holiday Inn Vancouver Airport, Richmond; Accent Inn Vancouver Airport, Richmond; Sandman Inn Vancouver Airport, Richmond; and Coast Vancouver Airport, Vancouver; just to name a few. Majority of the hotels are in Richmond with the exception of one. Try and avoid the hotels in downtown Vancouver as they are very expensive and the distance is farther. The Richmond hotels are still closer to the venue: The Arbutus Club, so that's what we're suggesting. The Coast Hotel Vancouver Airport is not bad and close to amenities.

## **Shinsa**

Grading will be for black belt levels only. It will be held on the Saturday evening after the workshop. Grading and Menjo fees will be in either US denominations or in Japanese Yen. Please consult with your Sensei for the costs of the grading and menjo fees.

## **About Covid19**

We are very fortunate that Covid19 numbers are not too bad in Canada. Currently facial coverings are optional in Vancouver. Similarly, at the Gasshuku, this will be the same. There will be a sanitizing station at the Studios and the washrooms will be close by. We ask that everyone respects the social distance and the level of comforts from all the participants. For those entering Canada by land and air, please ensure that you have filed with ARRIVECAN prior to arriving in Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html>

## **Equipment Required**

Please bring with you a white dogi and sparring gloves. For hygienic reasons, there will be no sharing of gloves. As there may be a bit of running, please bring a pair of runners if you can't run on bare feet.

## **Have Fun!!**

We hope that everyone will train hard during this weekend and learn from all the experts present at this gasshuku. The goal is to learn from one another and to meet new friends and re-establish relationships with old friends within our karate family.

Yours in budo,

William Chung, Alice Chung and Garson Ho

Members of the Nippon Shihan Kai

Shito Ryu Canada Karatedo Kai