



DOJO DIALOGUE: A list of Japanese phrases used during training.

Bujinkan: Divine Warrior Spirit House; The title of Hatsumi-sensei's international dojo

Dojo: Martial Arts Training Hall; Literally, “place of the way (to enlightenment)”

Dojocho: Head of a dojo; headmaster

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu: Thank you very much

Godan: One who has passed Hatsumi-sensei's fifth-degree black belt sword exam; Geyer-shidosh's rank

Hajime: Begin; the command to begin a movement

Hisamune: White Dragon; Hatsumi-sensei's warrior name

Ichimonji: First stance

Judan: Tenth-degree black belt

Jumonji: Cross stance

Kamae: Stance or posture; pattern of energy

Keri: Kick

Kohai: Younger Brother, or Junior Man; Proper way for Sensei to address the dojo's senior student

Masaaki Hatsumi: Head of the Bujinkan Dojo and 34th generation soke of Togakureryu Ninpo

Mokuso: Close eyes; said at the start of zazen

Motte: Stop or switch; the command to stop or switch movement

Ninja: One who perseveres and overcomes, even with a blade at one's heart; a practitioner of ninjutsu

Ninjutsu: Ninja skills

Ninpo: Ninja law, in accordance with universal truth and the laws of physics; higher order of endurance

Ninpo Ikkan!: Ninja law will always triumph! A ninja proverb

Onigaishimas: Please instruct me; said when bowing in to a training partner, and at the start of class

Rei: Bow; all training begins and ends with mutual bows of respect

Sandan: Third-degree black belt

Seiza: Seated meditation posture (literally “solid seat”) used at the start and finish of class

Sempai: Older Brother, or Senior man; Proper way to address the dojo's senior student

Sensei: One who has gone before; the proper way to address the class instructor

Sensei Ni Rei: Bow to the teacher.

Shidoshi: Teacher of Warrior Ways of Enlightenment; title for a Bujinkan Godan or above licensed to teach ninpo by Hatsumi-sensei

Shikinhamitsudaikomyo: May my next act bring enlightenment; said at the start and finish of class

Shihan: One who sets an example or gentleman teacher; title for the senior Judan Shidoshi under Hatsumi-sensei;

Shingan: Sharp Eyes, or "One who sees that which is not easily seen;" Literally, "God-eyes;" Geyer-sensei's warrior name, given to him by Prather-shihan; the name of Geyer-sensei's dojo

Shinobi: An alternate pronunciation for ninja, emphasizing patience and stealth

Shizennokamae: Natural stance

Shobo: A shobo was a small weapon that was used for striking pressure points within the body, the neck was the best place to strike. It was a ring fitted on the middle finger and a piece of sharp/dull wood attached, there are many variants of this weapon.

Shodan: first degree black belt

Soke: Grandmaster

Taijutsu: Ninja body skills

Temuku: Open eyes; said at the end of zazen

Tori: One who gives.

Tsuki: Punch

Uke: One who receives.

Ukemi: Roll

Yodancho: Black belt