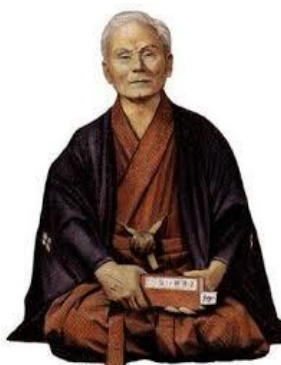


It became clear to him that if Karate were to become an international sport (a term Funakoshi disliked) a governing body would be needed.

Master Funakoshi



He tried unsuccessfully to form a National Body that would unite all the various styles of Karate. However, only his own students were to follow his lead. In 1955, the Japan Karate Association was incorporated by the Ministry of Education, Master Funakoshi was appointed as its chief Technical Director.

About this time one of the students at Takushoku University was beginning to build quite a reputation and he came under the wing of Funakoshi

Senior student – Masatoshi Nakayama.



Following a disagreement about the direction of karate, some of the senior students of Mr Funakoshi left the JKA IN 1956 to form the Japan karate do shotokai Master Funakoshi remained as head of Both organisations and kept teaching until his death at the age 89 in April 1957

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