

PROMOTION

Part of the Martial Arts training is the subject of promotion. This is a process in which a student is able to see his or her progress while training in the Martial Arts. Receiving a promotion is a sight of HONOR and also of great achievement. Advancing through the steps towards Black Belt is not easy, therefore each promotion is not taken lightly.

Takayara Yumishoto, one of the founders of the Martial Arts once said, “Promoting a student is like taking a piece of my body, giving it to my student and letting it grow. By doing this, when I am no longer in this world, my teachings can live on through this trusted student.”

Promotion is a way of passing on the knowledge of the Instructor and held in high esteem. No matter what the rank the student may be, it is a great HONOR to be promoted. Think of it as a puzzle. Each promotion is a piece of that puzzle that when pieced together, the student is molded into a complete Martial Artist. It is said that each piece of that puzzle is a piece of the Instructor’s knowledge and when the puzzle is complete, the student becomes a true Martial Artist.

GrandMaster Yumishoto said “The true Martial Artist knows the journey is never over. It is a journey of life. Each journey is a different path but all paths of this journey will meet together to create oneness of self.”

In ending, **PROMOTION**, no matter the rank, is an accomplishment in itself but it is still a small step towards the developing of harmony of mind and body together. This is the supreme goal of the true Martial Artist.

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