

Tour: NAHA-City

OKINAWA PREFECTURAL BUDÔKAN

- the gym dedicated to the training of the martial arts of the prefecture of Okinawa-

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A huge building lies at the northeast side of the Ônoyama Park – the Budôkan. The prefecture of Okinawa has sponsored the construction of the Kenritsu Budôkan (hall of the martial arts) in order to help preserving Okinawa Karate and Kobudô, besides the friendship between national and international enthusiasts shall be supported. Since the construction has also been sponsored by the Japanese mainland, some traditional masters refuse its use

The Rensei-Dôjô (dôjô dedicated to physical and mental cultivating) were completed in November 1994. Furthermore the main-arena (about the size of a three-field gym) was finished in March 2007 and its grand opening was celebrated on the occasion of the Okinawa Karate and Kobudô World Tournament from 21st until 25th August 2007.

The Budôkan is a modern and building complex, best suited to needs of martial artists. The roof construction has been adapted from a Samurai-helmet.

Three lightand air-conditioned Dôjô may be used to train in. They are arranged on top of each other in three floors and have a training-area more than 300m².

The Dôjô on the ground and first floor are suited with a wooden ground surface, whereas the Dôjô on the second floor has a tatami-covered floor.

The Dôjô on the first and second floor also have a gallery offering seats for an audience of some hundred people and some sliding walls made of paper, giving the trainers the possibility to retire for e.g. assemblies.

There are also a room for strength training and restrooms, cloak and changing rooms as well as showers.