THE HISTORY OF *HEKI-RYU* IN MODERN ERA



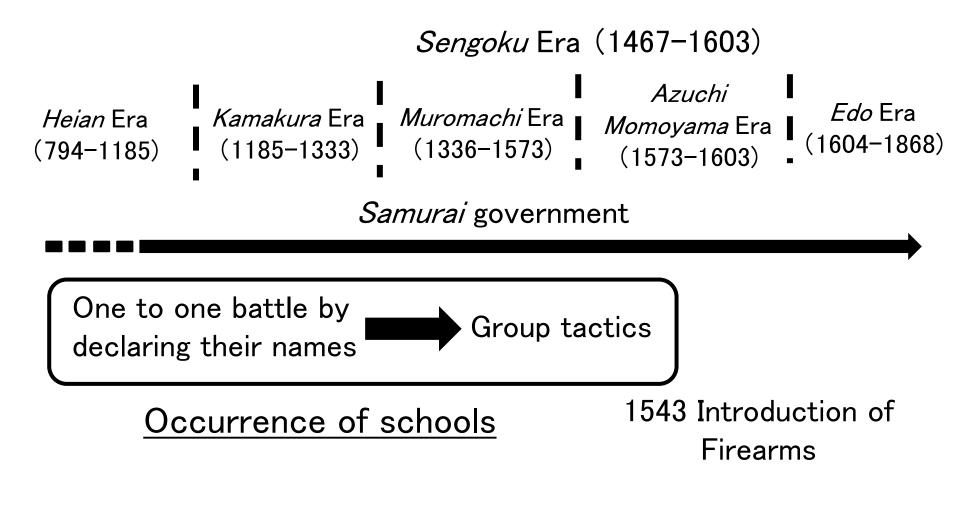
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What is "Heki-ryu"日置流?

Heki-ryu Q&A

- When was *Heki-ryu* established?
- > Who is the founder of *Heki-ryu*?
- What innovation did Heki-ryu make?
- Who succeeded Heki-ryu after the founder?
- How many branches does Heki-ryu have?
- > How many feudal clan adopted *Heki-ryu*?

Chronology



Historical background

<u>The power of the *Bushi* became stronger politically</u> → *Bushi* took the political power (12th Century, *Kamakura* era~)

- ① Various martial arts occurred to train the skills, which were the most important for the *Bushi* and to demonstrate the acquired abilities in a peaceful place.
- 2 Sports including martial arts as a dedication art for festivals at shrines and temples became popular.
- With the emergence of "House" or school organizations, which are characteristic of Japanese sports, martial arts and performing arts, there was a direction toward the specialization of sports.

Occurrence of *Bugei* school

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- In the Bushi society, Bujutsu and Kojitsu (court and samurai rules of ceremony and etiquette) are systematized.
- The earliest is Ogasawara-ryu (Archery, Horse riding and etiquette).
- Ogasawara family served for generation as instructors of *Kyuho* to military commanders since Yoshinori Ashikaga (reigned between 1429– 1441), 6th shogun of the *Muromachi Bakufu*.
- In Sengoku era, new martial arts schools such as archery, horse, swords, spears etc. were born.

Conditions for establishing a school

- 1) Extremely high level of technique
- 2 Advanced technique that is not easily generalized
- ③ Having the specialized technique that cannot be acquired without continuous training under the guidance of the master
- Having a unique technique system that can be clearly distinguished from others
- 5 The emergence of a genius who can demonstrate those techniques

Imamura, Yoshio(1989) "Shutei 19 Seiki ni okeru Nippon Taiiku no Kenkyu", Dai Ichi Shobo.

Kyujutsu school

- Ogasawara school was established in 12th century. The school was getting focused on horseback archery and Courtesy/Civil archery.
- The group tactics centered on infantry became common in 15th century.
- Practical shooting on the battlefield was required.



<u>Heki-ryu(日置流) occurred in the late 15th century and spread rapidly all over Japan</u>

Heki-ryu founder

日置 弾正 正次

Heki Danjo Masatsugu

- Danjo=Common name
- Born around 15th century
- Yamato(=Nara), Iga(=Mie), Omi(=Shiga)
- Real existence, God, Heki Danjo and Yoshida Shigekata were the same person
- Systematized practical techniques of archery on the battlefield
- Three major elements
 - □ 飛 "*Hi*"(Fly / Fast)
 - □ 貫 "*Kan*"(Penetration)
 - □ 中 "*Chu*"(Hitting)





The picture of *Heki-ryu* founder



Branches of Heki-ryu

Heki Danjo visited Shigekata Yoshida and his son Shigemasa twice in 1494 and 1500 to give guidance.

Since then, *Heki-ryu* has developed around the Yoshida family.



Yoshida Shigekata received *Hiden* from his master Heki Danjo Masatsugu

: (Heki)Yoshida-ryu

- : Izumo-ha
- : Sekka-ha
- : Yamashina-ha
- : Sakonemon-ha
- : Daishin-ha
- : Dosetsu-ha
- : Jutoku-ha
- : Insai-ha
- : Okura-ha
- : Chikurin-ha

Diffusion of Heki-ryu

Name	Number of clan	Name	Number of clan	
Heki-ryu	29	Kataoka-ryu	1	
Heki Sekka-ha	13	Yazawa-ryu	1	
Yoshida-ryu	12	Bishu-ryu	1	
Chikurin-ha	11	Toyohide-ryu	1	
Heki Insai-ha	10	Heki Okura-ha	1	
Yamato-ryu	6	Hiroshige-ryu	1	
Ogasawara-ryu	4	Yoshida-To-ryu	1	
Heki Dosetsu-ha	3	Ueda-ryu	1	
Yoshida Okura-ha	3	Izumo-ha	1	
Okura-ryu(ha)	2	Sekka-ha	1	
Takeda-ryu	1	Ishiguro ryu	1	

- The Kyujutsu Ryuha adopted by 105 clans was investigated.
- Total 22 *ryu* were recognized.
- 87/105(=83%) clan adopted *Heki-ryu* or its branches.

Reference: Imamura, Yoshio(1989) "*Shutei 19 Seiki ni okeru Nippon Taiiku no Kenkyu*", Dai Ichi Shobo.

Kyujutsu Ryuha

日本流(Yamato-ryu)、鹿嶋流(Kashima-ryu)、 八幡流(Hachiman-ryu)、逸見流(Henmi-ryu)、 伴流(Ban-ryu)、紀流(Ki-ryu)、秀郷流 (Hidesato-ryu)、太子流(Taishi-ryu)







吉田流(Yoshida-ryu), 出雲派(Izumo-ha), 左近右衛門派(Sakonemon-ha), 雪荷派 (Sekka-ha), 竹林派(Chikurin-ha), 印西派(Insai-ha), 寿徳派(Jutoku-ha), 大蔵派 (Okura-ha), 道雪派(Dosetsu-ha) Yamato-ryu(1652)

Meiji Restoration (1868~)

本多流 Honda-ryu

Machen wir hier eine Pause



From the drama "The 13 Lords of the Shogun" which is currently broadcasted on NHK in Japan.

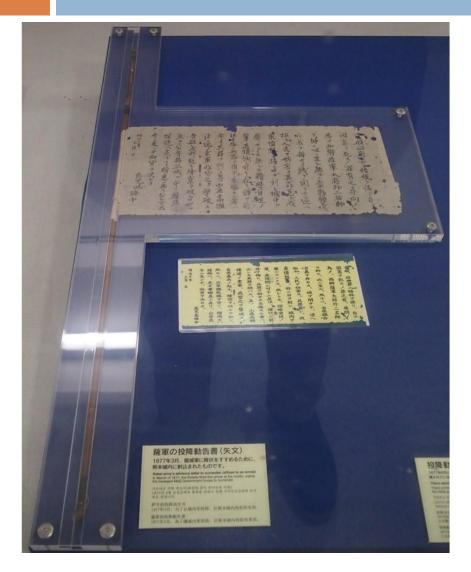
Was ist Yabumi?





Nachdem der kleine Nate ein mythisches Wesen aus einer magischen Kapsel befreit, haben die zwei viele Abenteuer mit allerlei übernatürlichen und lästigen Kreaturen.

矢文(Yabumi)



In Reality,

 Wrapping around the No (shaft)
 Taking off the Hazu (nock) and put it inside of No (shaft)

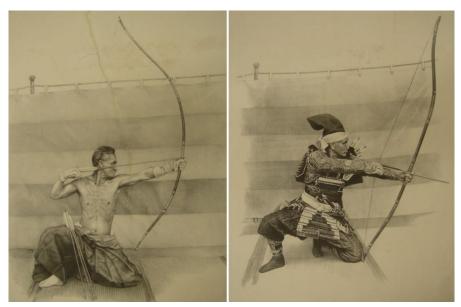
Modernization (1868–1945)

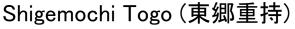
Meiji Restoration 1868

- Kyujutsu was abolished in Tokugawa shogunate in 1862 (before Meiji restoration)
- The era of Samurai has come to an end
- Major changes in society (≒Westernization)
- Bujutsu declined in the era of modernization
- Kenjutsu Police, Military
- Jujutsu Jigoro Kano, Education and new value
- Kyujutsu ???

Attempt to inherit Kyujutsu

- Since 1879, the activities of the *Kyujutsuka* have continued to be seen in historical materials.
- In Heki-ryu, Genta Sekiguchi (Chikurin-ha) and Shigemochi Togo (Satsuma Heki-ryu) have performed several times in the presence of the Emperor.







Genta Sekiguchi(関口源太)

Establishment of *Kyujutsu* Dojo in Tokyo

- 1879 Genta Sekiguchi
- 1880 Kiyotaka Ogasawara
- 1880 Terutoku Ishimaru
- 1887 Ryukitsu Akiyama (Heki-ryu Izumo-ha)
- 1889 Toshizane Honda
- 1900 Naooki Urakami

(Heki-ryu Chikurin-ha) (Ogasawara-ryu) (Heki Yoshida-ryu) Heki-ryu Izumo-ha) (Heki-ryu Chikurin-ha) (Heki-ryu Insai-ha)

The opening of *Kyujutsu dojo* in Tokyo has been seen since 1879. Many of them called themselves *Heki-ryu*.

School Kyujutsu club

Year of establishment	t Prefecture	School name	Grand master	School
1891	Tokyo	First Higher School	Toshizane Honda	Chikurin-ha/Honda-ryu
1891	Kumamoto	Fifth Higher School	Shintaro Ikoma	Dosetsu-ha
1891	Tokyo	Tokyo Fine Arts School	Toshizane Honda	Chikurin-ha/Honda-ryu
arnd1891	Tokyo	Tokyo Imperial University	Toshizane Honda	Chikurin-ha/Honda-ryu
1892	Tokyo	Keio	Masayuki Wakabayashi	Dosetsu-ha
1896	Tokyo	Tokyo Higher Normal School	Nobuyuki Oda	Heki-ryu
1897	Tokyo	Waseda	Terutoku Ishimaru	Heki Yoshida-ryu
1899	Ishikawa	Fourth Higher School	Masamichi Kusunoki	Heki Yoshida-ryu
1900	Tokyo	Tokyo Higher School of Commerce	Nobuyuki Oda	Heki-ryu
1901	Miyagi	Second Higher School	Hiromichi Utsui	Sekka-ha
1902	Kagoshima	Seventh Higher School	Tsunetaka Niina	Satuma Heki-ryu
1902	Tokyo	Taiwan Kyokai Senmon Gakko	Terutoku Ishimaru	Heki Yoshida-ryu
1907	Okayama	Sixth Higher School	Katsuyata Tokuyama	Insai-ha
1908	Tokyo	Meiji	Kiyokane Ogasawara	Ogasawara ryu
1909	Aichi	Eighth Higher School	Harutaro Tateishi	Chikurin-ha/Honda-ryu

Modernization of *Kyujutsu* ➡Kyudo

- Modernized federation
- Competitions in accordance with the rules
- □ Grading system (*Shogo*, *Kyu/Dan*)
- More focused on spiritual aspect
- Integration of multiple schools
- Introduced in the modern school system (Club activity & Regular curriculum)
- Women's participation
- Internationalization

Dai Nippon Butoku Kai(大日本武徳会)



Butokuden in Kyoto

English Name	Greater Japan Martial Virtue Society
Established on	17 th April 1895
Head office	Kyoto
First President	Imperial Prince Komatsunomiya Akihito
First Chairman	Watanabe Chiaki(Governor of Kyoto)

- DNBK is an organization managing various martial arts such as *Kendo, Judo, Kyudo, Naginata, Jukenjutsu (*Bayonet*), Shagekijutsu(*marksmanship*), Bajuts*u (Horse riding), Swimming, Boat, etc.
- Building *Butokuden*, and Holding *Butoku* festival and demonstration.
- Grading system (*Shogo, Kyu/Dan*)
- Had great influence on "Jutsu" to "Do".
- Standardization of *Kata* (Form) in *Judo, Kendo, Kyudo*.

Kyujutsu/Kyudo Hanshi of early date in DNBK

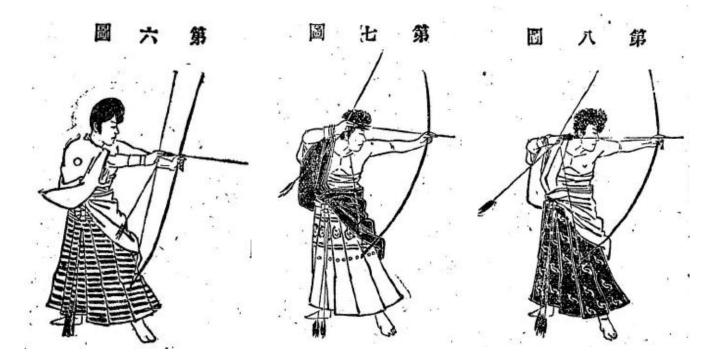
Name	Year of Birth and Death	School
Hisatada Okumura	1819-1908	Insai-ha
Shintaro Ikoma	1828-1905	Dosetsu-ha
Arinaka Yokohama	1827-1908	Sekka-ha
Chusei Tomita	1830-1911	Heki-ryu
Toru Okada	1846-1913	Chikurin-ha
Masayuki Wakabayashi	1837-1916	Dosetsu-ha
Jokuro Uno	1834-1921	Dosetsu-ha
Tadashi Kamiya	1841-1923	Heki–ryu
Kodachi Okauchi	1848-1925	Chikurin-ha
Nobumitsu Ichikawa	1846-1925	Yamato-ryu
Sanemitsu Akiyama	1852-1931	Heki-ryu
Toshin Kubota	1851-1931	Sekka-ha, Ogasawara-ryu
Junichiro Tokunaga	1864-1931	Dosetsu-ha, Chikurin-ha

Heki-ryu = Shamen Uchiokoshi?

- At least until the end of Meiji era (~ 1912), it is presumed that there were many Archers who called themselves *Heki-ryu* and performing *Shamen Uchiokoshi*.
- However, it was not strict compared with modern *Kyudo* in terms of *Kata* (Form). It was quite free.
- There were various methods.

How was the Uchiokoshi?

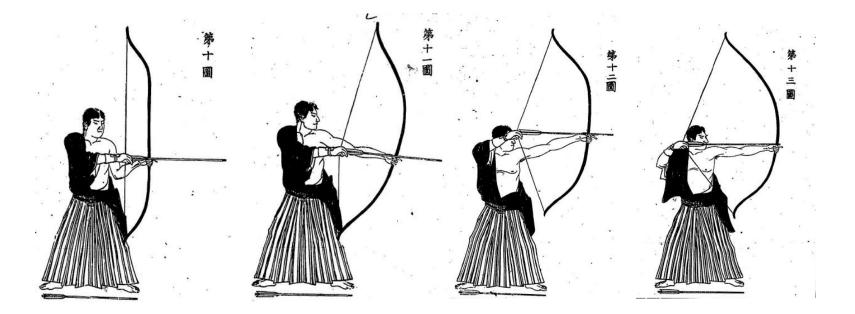
(1) Making *Tenouchi*, *Yugamae* and *Uchiokoshi* with the left elbow extended.



Yokono, Shigetsugu (1894)" Jujutsu Gekiken Dokushuho Hiketsu Zukai".

How was the Uchiokoshi?

2 Making *Tenouchi* with left elbow bent, and having *Yugamae* and *Uchiokoshi* with the left elbow extended.



Tokyo Kyujutsu Koshukai(ed.)(1901)" Shoryu Kyujutsu Gokui Kyoju Zukai".

How was the Uchiokoshi?

③Making *Tenouchi*, *Yugamae* and *Uchiokoshi* with left elbow bended.



Wakabayashi, Masayuki(1896)" Yumiya do no Shiori" .

"Sanbun no Ni" method

- "Sanbun no Ni" (2/3) is a unique technique in Heki-ryu Insai-ha, Urakami line.
- Master Naooki Urakami(1828–1905), the father of Sakae Urakami, developed the method.
- It is not traditional technique, other *Insai-ha* do not have it.



Why "Sanbun no Ni"?

- (1) Consideration of *Tsuru Michi*
- ② Adjusting the bow weight and archer's physical strength
- ③ Locate the *Mato*'s position, and ascertain the distance and height
- ④ In *Yomae* wearing helmet, it is the position to make the action avoiding the string being caught

Spreading Shomen Uchiokoshi

"When I attended DNBK's demonstration 26 years ago(=1907), I was the only archer who performed *Mae Uchiokoshi* (=*Shomen*). Many people said that there is a strange method to do it. Nowadays (=1933), 90% of participants in DNBK's demonstration are doing Mae *Uchiokoshi*."

Ohira, Zenzo(1933) Shabutsu Jikyu, "Shakaku", 8(7), pp.2-3.

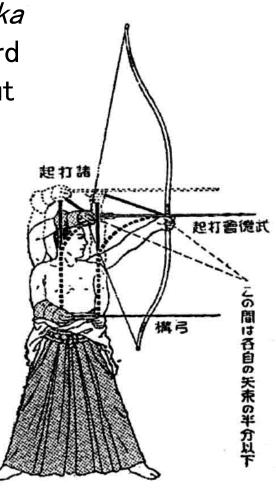
If Zenzo Ohira's discourse is correct,

- (1) There were few shooters who were doing *Shomen Uchiokoshi* before 1907.
- (2) Shomen Uchiokoshi was widespread between 1907 and 1933.

Unification of Kyudo Kata

In 1933–1934, the representatives of *Kyudoka* from various schools/organizations and board members of DNBK gathered and talked about the unification of shooting styles. ➡Established "*Kyudo Yosoku*" in 1934.





Committee member (1)

Name	Prefecture	Shogo	School	Age	Uchiokoshi
Sadajiro Atobe	Head(Board)	Hanshi		61	
Kinji Tajima	Head(Councilor)	Hanshi		66	
Kiyomichi Ogasawara	Head(Master)	Hanshi	Ogasawara-ryu	66	Shomen
Naganori Takakura	Head(Board)			69	
Shojiro Zen	Head(Board)				
Kenzo Awa	Miyagi	Hanshi	Chikurin-ha (Dai-Shado-kyo)	53	Shomen
Shogo Watanabe	Ibaraki	Kyoshi	Chikuri-ha	46	Shomen
Tokiyo Nishimuta	Tokyo	Kyoshi	Chikurin-ha (Honda-ryu)	51	Shomen
Sakae Urakami	Tokyo	Hanshi	Insai-ha	51	Shamen
Kumakichi Neya	Tokyo	Seirensho	Chikurin-ha (Dai Nippon Kyudo kai)	59	Shomen
Zenzo Ohira	Tokyo	Hanshi	Dosetsu-ha (Dai Nippon Shakakuin)	59	Shomen
Shokichi Oyama	Tokyo	Hanshi	Heki-ryu	64	
Shigeyasu Suzuki	Shizuoka	Hanshi	Ogasawara-ryu	66	Shomen
Kitaro Misawa	Aichi	Hanshi	Chikurin-ha(Bishu)	74	Shamen
Gijiro Hotta	Shiga	Hanshi	Chikurin-ha (Honda-ryu)	59	Shomen

Committee member(2)

Name	Prefecture	Shogo	School	Age	Uchiokoshi
Kiyoshi Murakawa	Kyoto	Kyoshi	Yamato ryu	51	Shamen
Tasuku Oshima	Hyogo	Hanshi	Ogasawara ryu	62	Shomen
Hikotaro Sakai	Hyogo	Hanshi	Sekka ha	66	Shamen
Kan Kawage	Tottoi	Hanshi	Ikkan ryu	82	Shamen
Takejiro Konishi	Kagawa	Hanshi	Chikurin ha (Kishu)	64	Shamen
Shizen Hori	Fukuoka	Hanshi	Chikurin ha	51	Shomen
			(Honda ryu)		
Shichizo Ishihara	Fukuoka	Hanshi	Okura ha	62	Shomen
			(Honda ryu)		
Zensuke Miwa	Fukuoka	Hanshi	Chikurin ha	69	Shomen
			(Honda ryu)		
Harukaze Uno	Kumamoto	Hanshi	Dosetsu ha	74	
Shigeru Sakamoto	Kumamoto	Hanshi	Dosetsu ha	88	Shamen
Tokisuke Tanegashima	Kagoshima	Kyoshi	Satsuma Heki-ryu	63	Shamen
Takeo Mizoguchi	Kagoshima	Hanshi	Satsuma Heki-ryu	80	Shamen
Ogasawara-ryu		:2 H	<i>leki-ryu</i> with <i>S</i>	Sham	en : S

Heki-ryu with Shomen : 9 Unknown

Total : 26

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Budo after Japan was defeated in 1945

DNBK was abolished by the GHQ/SCAP, which governed Japan after WWII, in 1946.
 Budo was banned by GHQ.

- 1947 All Japan Kyudo Federation
- 1949 All Japan Judo Federation
- 1949 Nippon Kyudo Federation(Reorganization)
- 1952 All Japan Kendo Federation
- 1955 All Japan Naginata Federation

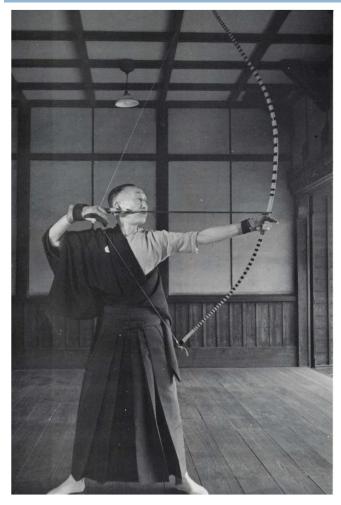
All Nippon Kyudo Federation

Purposes in articles of incorporation

Carrying out projects related to the succession of Kyudo, which is a traditional culture peculiar to Japan, and the promotion of the spread of Kyudo, and will contribute to the improvement of people's physical strength and the development of the spirit of sports, thereby contributing to the development of social culture.

Year	Events
May 1947	Established as "Zen Nippon Kyudo Renmei"
22 nd May 1949	Reorganization, established "Nippon Kyudo Renmei"
2 nd Aug 1950	Became a member of Japan Amateur Sports Association
15 th Sep 1953	Registered as an incorporated foundation
28 th Jan 1957	Changed the name to "Zen Nippon Kyudo Renmei"
1958	Became a member of Japan Olympic Committee(Withdrew in 1969, registered again on 7 th Aug 1989)
1 st Nov 2011	Register as Public Interest Incorporated Foundation

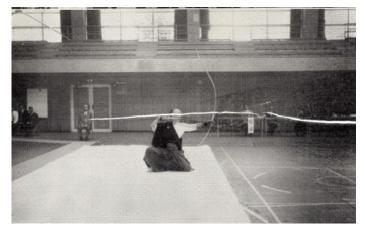
ANKF First President Yozaburo Uno(*Hanshi* 10 Dan)



1959, 80years old, *Tokyo Saineikan Kyudojo*

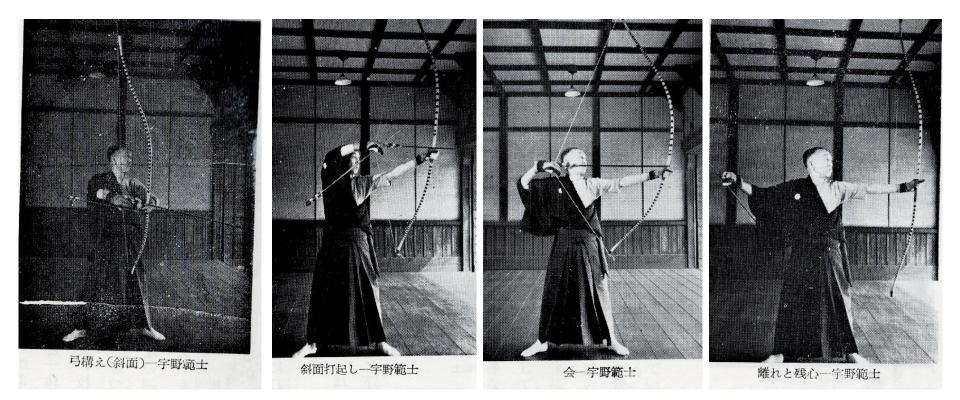
Yozaburo Uno (宇野要三郎)

- 1878–1969
- Judge of Supreme Court of Judicature of Japan, Lawyer
- Kishu Chikurin-ha
- Studied under Master Kodachi Okauchi



Yawatashi at Zen Nippon Kyudo Taikai in 1963

Uno Hanshi shooting form



"Kyudo Kyohon"

Published on 1st Aug 1953

"....to examine and outline a standardization of the fundamental principles of Kyudo that will function as a comprehensive reference source for all...offer meaningful instruction to present-day archers…"

Establishing Committee on the Principles of Shooting (Shaho)

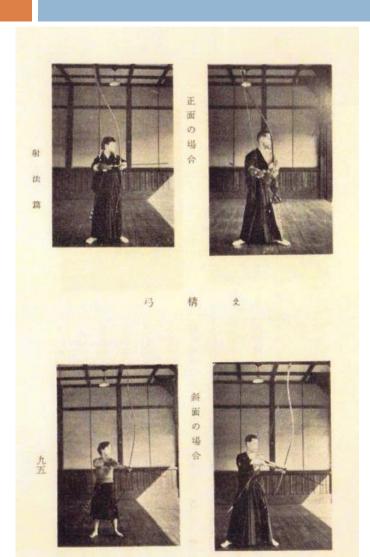
(1)Yozaburo Uno ②Sakae Urakami 3 Tanetsugu Chiba 4 Masayoshi Kaminaga : Daishado-kyo 5 Tasuku Takagi

: Chikurin-ha (Kishu) : Insai-ha (Urakami) : Ogasawara-ryu

- : Honda-ryu



Shomen and Shamen in "Kyudo Kyohon"



 Practically, *Insai-ha* was introduced as *Shamen Shamen* = *Insai-ha* = *Hekiryu*

- The pictures were Genshiro Inagaki & Hiroko Urakami
- Great influence of Sakae Urakami Hanshi

Hisashi Murakami *Hanshi* 9 *Dan*

- 1902-1987 (85 years old)
- Insai-ha (Urakami line)
- Waseda University
- Studied under Master Sakae Urakami
- ANKF Managing
 Director(1960-)
- ANKF Vice President(1970-)



Current *Heki-ryu Hanshi* & *Kyoshi* 8 *Dan* in ANKF

Name	Shogo, Dan	Prefecture	School
Fumio Hayashi	Hanshi 9 Dan	Hyogo	
Etsuko Ogata	Hanshi 8 Dan	Kumamoto	
Yoshimitsu Usami	Hanshi 8 Dan	Aichi	Bishu Chikurin-ha
Takashi Fuchimoto	Hanshi 8 Dan	Aichi	Bishu Chikurin-ha
Yoshifumi Shibutani	Kyoshi 8 Dan	Tokushima	<i>Insai-ha</i> <i>Urakami</i> line

Hanshi : 66 Kyoshi 8 Dan : 44 (March 2022)

Active Heki-ryu groups

Prefecture	Lineage	Group (Current master)
Tokyo	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)	<i>Urakami Domon kai</i> (Kaoru Kato)
Shizuoka	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Enshu</i> line)	(Seiyo Ikegami)
Aichi	<i>Bishu Chikurin-ha</i> (<i>Hoshino</i> line)	<i>Tokufu kai</i> (Takashi Fuchimoto)
Aichi	Bishu Chikurin-ha (Sekido Chikurin)	(Yoshimitsu Usami)
Hyogo	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Settsu</i> line)	(Seiko Kawashima)
Okayama	Insai-ha (Bizen Heki-To-ryu)	<i>Seisha kai</i> (Hidenori Tokuyama)
Kumamoto	Dosetsu-ha	(Tadayoshi Iwashita)
Kumamoto	Chikurin-ha (Higo Chikurin)	(Michiyuki Matsui)
Kumamoto	Heki Yoshida-ryu Okura-ha	(Koya Mabe (?) (間部光矢))
Kagoshima	Satsuma Heki-ryu	<i>Satsuma Heki-ryu Koshiya Kumiyumi Hozon kal</i> (Hajime Ijima)

University Kyudo clubs mainly practicing *Heki-ryu*

	Prefecture	Name	School
1	Ibaraki	University of Tsukuba	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
2	Tokyo	Waseda University	<i>Insai–ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
3	Tokyo	Hosei University	<i>Insai–ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
4	Tokyo	Tokyo Institute of Technology	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
5	Tokyo	Tokyo City University	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
6	Tokyo	Ochanomizu University	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Urakami</i> line)
7	Shizuoka	University of Shizuoka	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Enshu</i> line)
8	Aichi	Nagoya University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)
9	Kyoto	Kyoto University	<i>Insai-ha</i> (<i>Settsu</i> line)
10	Kyoto	Kyoto University of Advanced Science	Insai-ha
11	Kyoto	Doshisha University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)
12	Kyoto	Ryukoku University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)

University Kyudo club mainly practicing Heki-ryu

	Prefecture	Name	School
13	Kyoto	Bukkyo University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)
14	Kyoto	Kyoto Women's University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)
15	Nara	Tenri University	Yamato-ryu
16	Osaka	Osaka City University	Insai-ha
17	Osaka	Kansai University	Insai-ha
18	Hyogo	Kobe University	Chikurin-ha (Bishu)
19	Okayama	Okayama University	Insai-ha (Heki-To-ryu)
20	Okayama	Okayama Shoka University	Insai-ha (Heki-To-ryu)
21	Kagawa	Kagawa University	Chikurin-ha (Kishu)

All Nippon University Kyudo Federation Members : 335 Universities

Why Heki-ryu?

- Modern Kyudo doesn't have "School".
- Practice only 28m range, paper target.
- Tends to focus on grading exam and competition.
- Yes, it is really good system and useful to understand one aspect of Japanese culture

However

- If you really want to know the background of each essence of kyudo, you must understand old schools.
- The old school retains Japanese traditions, culture, and philosophy a lot more strongly than modern martial arts.

Modern VS Classic



Thank you



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