

#### Sokugi Taikyoku sono Ichi - 足技太極一段

8<sup>e</sup> Kyu

**Sokugi** is the combination of **Soku - 足** ('foot') and **Gi - 技** ('technique') and literally means 'kicking', while **Taikyoku** translates as 'Grand Ultimate View'.

The name *Taikyoku* - 太極 refers to the Chinese philosophical concept of Taiji. *Taikyoku* is literally translated as 'grand ultimate'. The word *Taikyoku* can also mean overview or the whole point – seeing the whole rather than focusing on the individual parts, and keeping an open mind or beginner's mind. The beginner's mind is what is strived for during training and in life. The beginner's mind does not hold prejudice and does not cling to a narrow view. The beginner's mind is open to endless possibilities. That's why a practitioner should never think that as soon as it ascends in the latter or more complex kata the first and most basic ones loose importance, therefore, keep an open mind.

The *Taikyoku Kata* were developed by Yoshitaka Funakoshi and introduced in 1930 by Gichin Funakoshi, founder of *Shotokan*, as a way to simplify the principles of the already simplified *Pinan* series. Students of *Karate* systems that use the *Taikyoku Kata* series are often introduced to them first, as a preparation for the *Pinan Kata*.

The first **Sokugi** Kata in the series. It has the same **Embusen** - 演武線 as the Taikyoku Kata, except that on every turn, Kansetsu Geri is executed followed by a Kake Wake Uke, while on the following step or the three steps over the middle, Mae Geri Keage is executed (no punches).

The three **Sokugi** Kata were created by Mas Oyama to further develop kicking skills. They were not formally introduced into the *Kyokushin* syllabus until after the death of Mas Oyama.

Dachi Waza Te Waza **Uke Waza Geri Waza** Fudo Dachi Kake Wake Uke Kensetsu Geri Joi Dachi Mae Keage Heiko Dachi Zenkutsu Dachi **Kihon Jutsugo** Kamae Hajime Naore Yasume

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Begin the KATA from the base KAMAE position in FUDO DACHI. On the command SOKUGI TAIKYOKU SONO ICHI followed by the command YOI start perform a slow YOI DACHI that ends in HEIKO DACHI.



1 On the command HAJIME/ICHI turn left 90° counterclockwise into and kick left KANSETSU GERI and step into left ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



2 Make a right MAE KEAGE and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI.



Turn 180° clockwise to the right and make a right KANSETSU GERI and step into right ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



4 Make a left MAE KEAGE and step forward into left ZENKUTSU DACHI.



Turn 90° counterclockwise to the left and make a left KANSETSU GERI and step into left ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



6 Make a right MAE KEAGE and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI (1).



7 Make a left MAE KEAGE and step forward into left ZENKUTSU DACHI (2).



8 Make a right MAE KEAGE with KIAI and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI (3).



9 Turn 270° counterclockwise to the left and make a left KANSETSU GERI and step into left ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.





10 Make a right MAE KEAGE and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI.







11 Turn 180° clockwise to the right and make a right KANSETSU GERI and step into right ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



12 Make a left MAE KEAGE and step forward into left ZENKUTSU DACHI.



13 Turn 90° counterclockwise to the left and make a left KANSETSU GERI and step into left ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



14 Make a right MAE KEAGE and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI (1).



15 Make a left MAE KEAGE and step forward into left ZENKUTSU DACHI (2).



16 Make a right MAE KEAGE with KIAI and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI (3).





17 Turn 270° counterclockwise to the left and make a left KANSETSU GERI and step into left ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



18 Make a right MAE KEAGE and step forward into right ZENKUTSU DACHI.



19 Turn 180° clockwise to the right and make a right KANSETSU GERI and step into right ZENKUTSU DACHI and make a KAKE WAKE UKE.



20 Make a left MAE KEAGE and step forward into left ZENKUTSU DACHI.



On the **NAORE** command return 90° counterclockwise to the left into **FUDO DACHI**. (pull left foot back to the base position, still looking right until the turn is completed). At the command **YASUME** relax and at ease.





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