

Sokugi Taikyoku sono Ni - 足技太極二段

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 lose 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 second **Sokugi** Kata in the series. It has the same **Embusen** - 演武線 as the *Taikyoku* Kata, except that on every turn, *Jodan Yoko Geri* is executed followed by a *Kake Wake Uke*, while on the following step or the three steps over the middle, *Jodan Mae Geri* 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

Fudo Dachi
Joi Dachi
Heiko Dachi
Zenkutsu Dachi

Te Waza

Uke Waza

Kake Wake Uke

Geri Waza

Jodan Yoko Geri
Jodan Mae Geri

Kihon Jutsugo

Kamae
Hajime
Naore
Yasume

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Begin the **KATA** in **FUDO DACHI**. On the command **SOKUGI TAIKYOKU SONO NI** followed by **YOI** start from the base **KAMAE** position and perform a slow **JUMONJI/YOI DACHI**.



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



- 2 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI**.



- 3 Turn 180° clockwise to the right and make a right **JODAN YOKO GERI** and step into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI** and make a **KAKE WAKE UKE**.



- 4 Make a left **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into left **ZENKUTSU DACHI**.



- 5 Turn 90° counterclockwise to the left and make a left **JODAN YOKO GERI** and step into left **ZENKUTSU DACHI** and make a **KAKE WAKE UKE**.



- 6 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (1).



- 7 Make a left **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into left **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (2).



- 8 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** with **KIAI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (3).



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



- 10 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI**.



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



- 12 Make a left **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into left **ZENKUTSU DACHI**.



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



- 14 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (1).



- 15 Make a left **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into left **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (2).



- 16 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** with **KIAI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI** (3).



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



- 18 Make a right **JODAN MAE GERI** and step forward into right **ZENKUTSU DACHI**.



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



- 20 Make a left **JODAN MAE GERI** 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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1a.



1b.



2a.



2b.



3a.



3b.



4a.



4b.



5a.



5b.



6a.



6b.



7a.



7b.



8a. KIAI



8b.



9a.



9b.



10a.



10b.



11.



12.



13.



14.



15.



16. KIAI



17.



18.



19..



20.

