

Passaic Bujinkan Buyu  
**Shinra Bansho**

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Shinobi Notebook #1

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## Formal Starting / Finishing of Training

### *Starting*

- Line up facing the back wall with the highest grades on the right and the lowest on the left.
- Sitting in **Seiza** – hands in **Gassho**
- Chant – **Shikin Haramits(u) Dai Kyo Myo**
- Two Claps & Bow
- One Clap & Bow
- Instructor turns to face the class
- Instructor & Class bow to each other and say **Onegashimas(u)**

### *Finishing*

- Line up facing the back wall with the highest grades on the right and the lowest on the left.
- Sitting in **Seiza** – hands in **Gassho**
- Chant – **Shikin Haramits(u) Dai Kyo Myo**
- Two Claps & Bow
- One Clap & Bow
- Instructor turns to face the class
- Instructor & Class bow to each other and say **Arigato Gozaimas(u)**

**Shiken Haramitsu Daikoumyo** is a sacred 'nine-syllable' Buddhist mantra in Japanese. The kanji which represents this is:

## 四拳 波羅蜜 大光明

- shi-ken: 四拳 = (shi|four)-(ken|heart/fist)
- ha-ra-mitsu: 波羅蜜 = (nami/ha|wave)-(ra|gauze)-(mitsu|nectar)
- dai-kou-myō: 大光明 = (dai|big/great)-(hikari/kou|light)-(akarui/mei/myo|bright)

Shiken represents four perspectives:

- The Merciful Heart: expresses love for everything.
- The Sincere Heart: follows what is right.
- The Attuned Heart: follows the natural order of things.
- The Dedicated Heart: holds to the chosen pursuit.

In summary: **Shiken Haramitsu Daikoumyo** is the *sensation and the harmony perceived by the sense of hearing and heart.*

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## Bujinkan Instructors

There are three levels of instructor within the Bujinkan:

- **Shidōshi-Ho** – Junior Instructors of grade 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Dan
- **Shidōshi** – Senior Instructors of grade 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Dan
- **Shihan** – Master Teachers of grade 10<sup>th</sup> Dan and above

**Shidōshi-Ho** Licenses are, in essence, another grade to be earned. They are usually only awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Dan grades who assist in the running of a training group headed by a **Shidōshi** or **Shihan**, or to a 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Dan who wishes to run their own club (under the supervision of a **Shidōshi** or **Shihan**).

All Shidōshi must to register each year with the Hombu Dojo thus becoming members of the Shidōshi Kai.

Only a Shidōshi Kai member is allowed to grade, any grades issued by non-registered Shidōshi are not recognize by the Hombu Dojo and are therefore invalid.

## Bujinkan Ranks

The Dan ranks or black belt grades are divided into three general levels: **Ten** (Heaven), **Chi** (Earth), **Jin** (Man), as follows:

- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Dan: Heaven
- ✚ 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Dan: Earth
- ✚ 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> Dan: Man

These correspond roughly to the old shoden, chuden and okuden level of training. Old being pre Dan-I system that was invented by Jigoro Kano. The official Dan system of the Bujinkan is as follows:

### Kyū Grades

- 10th Kyū (Mukyū) - No level - White Belt
- 9th Kyū (Kukyū) - Green Belt
- 8th Kyū (Hachikyū)
- 7th Kyū (Nanakyū)
- 6th Kyū (Rokukyū)
- 5th Kyū (Gokyū)
- 4th Kyū (Yonkyū)
- 3rd Kyū (Sankyū)
- 2nd Kyū (Nikyū)
- 1st Kyū (Ikkyū)



**Bujin Patch**

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## Dan Grades

- 1st Dan (Shodan)
- 2nd Dan (Nidan)
- 3rd Dan (Sandan)
- 4th Dan (Yondan)
  
- 5th Dan (Godan)
- 6th Dan (Rokudan)
- 7th Dan (Nanadan)
- 8th Dan (Hachidan)
- 9th Dan (Kudan)
  
- 10th Dan (Judan)
- 11th Dan (Chidan)
- 12th Dan (Suidan)
- 13th Dan (Kadan)
- 14th Dan (Fudan)
- 15th Dan (Kudan)



## Important Vocabulary

**Bujinkan:** "Divine Warrior Training Hall."

**Buyu:** "Warrior Friends"

**Shinra Bansho:** All limitless things that are in the universe

**Dan:** Black belt grade

**Dojo:** Training hall; martial arts school

**Kunoichi:** A female Ninja

**Kyu:** Below black belt grade

**Ninja:** A person who studies Ninjutsu

**Ninjutsu:** The martial art of the Ninja

**Sensei:** Teacher

**Soke:** GrandMaster