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Profile: Marc Cessio Sensei

President: Shumeikan Dojo Nouvelle Calédonie

Born 2nd of August 1957 in Algeria, Marc Cessio Sensei began practicing Aikido in New Caledonia after being posted to Noumea for two years as an aircraft electronic technician by the French Navy. While serving in Noumea in 1988, Marc Sensei's first instructor in Aikido was Christian Pauleau Sensei, an instructor for the French Federation of Aikido and Budo (FFAB).

Upon returning to France, Marc Sensei continued to practice Aikido under Nobuyoshi Tamura Shihan 8th dan, the Technical Director of the (FFAB) based at St Maximin in the south of France.



At the time Marc Sensei was living at Vergeze near Nimes, approximately 250 kilometres from St Maximin. Every month Marc Cession Sensei travelled the long distance to practice with Tamura Shihan for two days of intensive training. In 1992 Marc Sensei opened his first dojo in Nimes, this was followed by the opening of his second dojo in Vergeze in 1999, with the help and support of his good friend Emile Metzinger Sensei.

Marc Sensei and family immigrated to New Caledonia in 2001 where he quickly established his third dojo in 2002 at the Military Administration compound based in the heart of Noumea. Since immigrating to New Caledonia, Marc Sensei has kept close contact to Nobuyoshi Tamura Shihan through return trips to France and through his close friend Emile Mertzinger 5th dan who visits New Caledonia every two years.

During 2005 Marc Cessio Sensei, accompanied by a contingent of his members, attended the 35th Anniversary celebration of Aikido Shinryukan Chief Instructor and Technical Director of the New Zealand Aikikai Federation, Nobuo Takase Shihan 7th dan in Auckland. Every year since 2005 the NZAF has enjoyed the support and friendship given by the Marc Sensei and his fellow members that annually attend the New Zealand Aikikai Federation Gasshuku.

Annually in August, New Caledonia also hosts a nation wide seminar for all Aikido enthusiasts, with guest instructor Nobuo Takase Shihan, who is accompanied by several members from New Zealand. This opportunity has been made possible by the continued efforts and promotion of Aikido throughout

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