



## Auckland Regional Mid-Year Grading 2009

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On June 27<sup>th</sup> Aikido Shinryukan held its mid- year grading for the Auckland area. This was a very large grading as can be seen with the grading starting at 10am and finishing around 3pm. There were participants grading from various Dojo's around the Auckland area and included Hombu dojo, Howick and Papakura, Waitakere and also Helensville.

It was encouraging to see a wide range of white and brown belt gradings and many were completed to an excellent standard. There was also a large number of Yudansha gradings – Shodan, Nidan, Sandan and also Yondan. This gave everyone a chance to see Aikido performed at all levels to a high standard. A wide range of friends and families were also present – taking pictures, helping out with the video and naturally showing enthusiastic support.

Takase Shihan then took a session for Yudansha to finish the day's activities.

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