

LETTER OF REFERENCE

for Mr. **Gorazd Čater**, born 1986, from Celje, Slovenia,
presently a graduand in architecture
at the University in Ljubljana, Slovenia,
as to his extracurricular activities in karate sport.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. Gorazd Čater started practicing karate already with his 11th year of age, i.e. in the fall 1997, by joining Karate club Celeia in Celje. Years later, during his study of architecture at the University in Ljubljana, he joined the University karate club (UKK). His eager all-round sporting commitment was crowned in the fall 2012 with the award of Black belt 1st degree (Dan) in Emeskai karate. Regretfully, two years later, he had to break up all his activities in the club due to his accumulated study obligations.

In the University karate club, Gorazd gradually took over also coaching tasks in the frame of the MSKAI (Modern Sports Karate Associates International) coaching programme. First as a corrector with the beginners, and later as a demonstrator in higher courses, until he took over full responsibility for advanced classes as tutor. In the last years, Gorazd headed the club's competition group all by himself as its coach and organiser. Besides, he was also participating in the international seminars of MSKAI for contestants and as a member of the club's squad conquered several medals at internal and external international karate cups.

Gorazd has proved to be a natural born leader *cum* manager: his students were following him vigorously. Nevertheless, he was continuously labouring on his genuine capabilities by upgrading his teaching as well his organisational and administrative skills. Beyond that, he also made an outstanding impression as to his sovereign appearance, firmness, and correctness when officiating as referee in competitions. Additionally, Gorazd was despite of his youth a reliable member of the international forum of the MSKAI coaches; there, he contributed some constructive critical observations while still consequently considering and supporting the hierarchical order as prevailing in karate circles.

It is clear to all of us that Gorazd's professional carrier has to have now the exclusive priority. Nevertheless, we feel his absence as a substantial deficit in the club. As his years-long teacher and mentor, I firmly believe that his occupational specialty will additionally profit from his in sporting activities proven leadership capabilities, and that he will be as successful in his profession as he has been heretofore in karate sport.

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