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Oswald Stock

Oswald Stock was born on 25.02.1960 under the zodiac sign Pisces in the year of Senju Kannon. He is married to Masako 雅子 Fujimoto 藤本 and is father to Mei-Maria メイマリア, Iris-Yukiko 由希子, and twins Lukas Masahiro 雅弘 and Daniel Hiromichi 弘道.

Shikoku travels:

2002: I travelled from the 1st to the 43rd temple and then further from the 46th to the 53rd by foot (approx 800km). My realization *"My future is pilgrimage in unison with the universe"*.

Thereafter I joined Goingsesan and a group of Japanese bus pilgrims from the 44th to the 88th temple. *"A learning experience"*.

2004: Travelling with friends from the 88th to the 55th temple on foot (ca 400km). *"Travelling together in the year of Kobo Daishi"*.

2005: Visited all 88 temples with my family travelling as car pilgrims (ca 2000km). *"A wonderful time as a septet"*.

2007: Completed the full circle for the first time and visited all 88 temples as Ohenro by foot (approx 1300km). *"Time is not important anymore"*.

2008: Graduated to the Shihan 7th Dan in Karatedo Doshinkan. Newcomer publication of the book *"Following in the footsteps of Kobo Daishi"* – the first German language book of its kind.

2009: Working on the book *"Kobo Daishis treasure"*.

2010: Pilgrimage to Sakura time to Shikoku/ Japan. Travelling as a guide. *"A feast for the soul"*. My second book – *"Kobo Daishis treasure"* is presented at the Leipzig book fair. Started work on the book *"Child of the High Priest"*.

2011: Pilgrimage in October to Shikoku. 1300km on foot as a guide. *"My heart sings"*.

2012: Masako visits Shikoku during the cherry blossom season and walks from the 1st to the 19th temple. *"A start is made..."*

2013: I will be starting another pilgrimage in Shikoku during the cherry blossom season in March. This time Masako will accompany me. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences and adventures with her. You can find more information about my travels at: www.sport-ossi.at

DEAR SPORT OSSI AND JAPAN FRIEND, DEAR READER!

Thank you very much for your interest in my books. They are neither picture books nor travel guides but rather tales from my travels that brought me to my origins. My books are written with passion – and some readers will also be able to read between the lines.

As the first Austrian and Tiroler to visit all 88 Shikoku temples, on foot, meter for meter, step for step I was happily able to complete the circle. I wandered over mountains, through valleys and villages and along the coast. My book retells my travels in a simple and entertaining fashion
following in the footsteps of Kobo Daishi.



Karatedo Doshinkan
martial arts and exercise

"ON THE KOBO DAISHI TRAIL"

After my first publication in 2008 (independent publication on March 15th 2008) which was the first German language book of its kind in Europe, my second publication, the novel *"Kobo Daishis Treasure"* followed in March 2010 at the Leipzig book fair.

EXCERPT FROM "KOBO DAISHIS TREASURE"

Her last words were the key that unlocked the secret to the treasure of KOBO DAISHI.

The secret had been closely guarded for decades, waiting one day for the foreigner who had travelled from afar on his pilgrimage. This was the vision of the temple guardian. I still believe that I could feel the hate that shooting towards me as an elderly priest entered the room and realized what had occurred. He asked me what the old priestess had said to me and I felt as if an ice cold fist had taken hold of my heart. The priests apprentice suddenly stepped forward between us and introduced the elder as ENZO, the second in command in the temple. It would not be the last time that this bald headed, but very pretty girl apprentice would rescue me. Our destinies were forged from this moment on.

Since I had arrived at Shikoku, I felt as if I was being led by an invisible force. Everything seemed to be predestined. Was I just a puppet in the power struggle between the treasure hunters from the beginning? Suddenly everything started spinning, first slowly and then increasingly racing. I don't recall anymore how I sank in to KORENS arms. You are in great danger here, I heard her whisper in my ear... danger.... danger!