

## **2013 Kagami Biraki Message**

**2013 is the year of Snake according to the ancient Chinese and Japanese animal zodiac. Thus, the year animates the symbol of deep passion and the mind of undying exploration. Its resilient force grabs the earth's surface and swims gracefully through the water. By emulating what it shows in nature, it will become the year of greater progress in all fronts with our constant dedication, effort, commitment, and drive.**

**Kagami Biraki and or Kangeiko (winter training) in your dojo signifies the beginning of the future pathway toward redefining the undiscovered full potential of each individual in Budo field. Let us embrace this special moment as an opportunity to unify our joint efforts for that humble purpose. We hope all of you enjoy the beautiful day sharing the great Ki-energy in the cold winter day. We are certain all of us shall be connected in one powerful harmony and be able to fulfill the goals of this year.**

**Best wishes for your continuing good health and happiness,**

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