

Shihan Eric off to Las Vegas

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Karate Champions and brothers Shihan Eric Govender and Sensei Selvan Govender are all set to go to the USA to represent South Africa in one of the world's greatest championships.

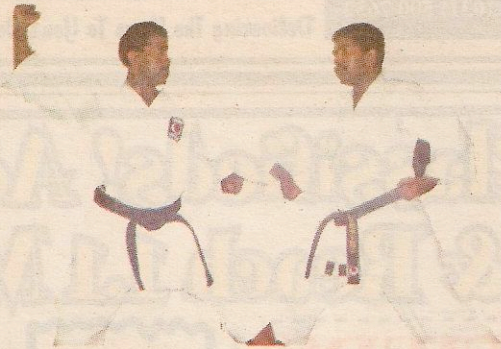
Shihan Govender, who is the President and Chief instructor of the International Federation of Shotokan Karate (IFSK), said that he felt privileged to be able to

represent South Africa in this international event. 'I will be conducting international refereeing. Sensei Selvan has a 6th and 5th Dan rating. We would be representing South Africa as head delegates from our organisation. It is truly a dream come true'.

After Shihan Govender's many visits to Overseas, he has planned to bring the Master of Karate to South Africa. 'I have been to America often

and it is indeed a pleasure to be able to put South African Karate on the map. My dream is to bring the 4th cousin of the legendary master of Karate, Funakoshi to South Africa. The organisation would be privileged if the master comes to South Africa and we could be the host of the African Funakoshi Cup. I know in time it will be achieved.'

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Las Vegas, on 19 November and will return on the 21. These South African masters of Karate plan to bid for

the Karate World Championship in 2008 where approximately 30 countries will be represented.