

**From my unscholarly research in Prof. Okazaki's day there were two Black Belt certificates (Ranks) Instructor and Master**

Mokuroku - This is the Japanese word for "catalog". This is our rank of Nidan This is where our DZR Esoteric Principles come from.

In the context of the Danzan-Ryū Jūjutsu system, "mokuroku" refers to a scroll (approximately 9-foot long) that was presented by Prof. Okazaki to his instructors at the second black belt level. It contained material that was historical and explanatory in nature, as well as listing the technique names for the Shoden (beginning) and Chūden (intermediate) levels.

The Okuden (advanced) and Kōden (orally transmitted) sections were not part of this scroll and are taken from later teachings. The healing courses, such as Kappō and Seifukujutsu, were taught to both Jūjutsu and non-Jūjutsu students.

**Kaidensho**

This is our rank of Godan 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt

This diploma was handwritten in Japanese kanji and contained the name of the student and Professor Okazaki. The diploma was stamped with Professor Okazaki's personal inked seals or chops. This diploma certified that the named person was a master of Danzan Ryu and had learned the entire system.

As I remember we were told the AJJF used 5 Dan Black Belt ranks in the early days 1 through 5. The senior Black Belts were catching up to their AJJF founders Prof. Estes and Prof. Law who were 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, so they went to a 1 through 10 level Dan rank system.

The title of Professor and the Title of Shihan were given at 5<sup>th</sup> Degree. To get 5<sup>th</sup> Degree you had to have been introduced to the entire DZR system.

Professor ranks above 5<sup>th</sup> Degree were given in recognition of continued service to the Ryu.

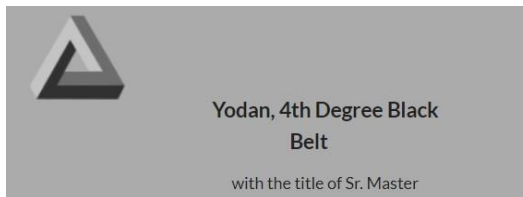
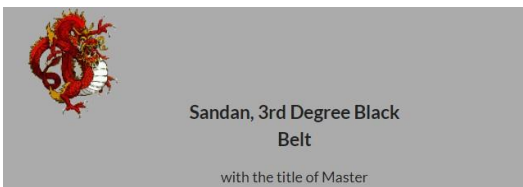
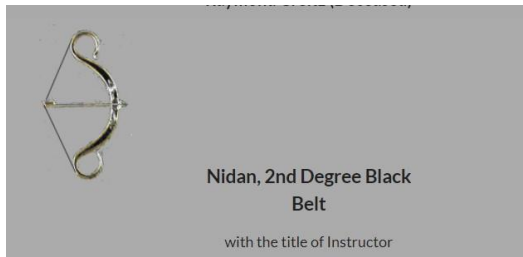
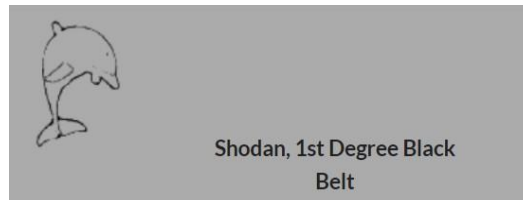
In our tradition Sensei would say the lists and arts required for rank were the Known Criteria. On the esoteric level there were the Unknown Criteria.

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Also in our tradition of the Bushidokan MAT the following mons were associated the Dan Ranks



Godan- 5th Degree Black Belt with title of Shihan  
(After the OKUDEN of the complete DZR system has been transmitted)

Rokudan- 6th Degree Black Belt

Shichidan - 7th Degree Black Belt

Hachidan - 8th Degree Black Belt



Title Shodai