

My Student or Yours?

Over the years I have taught many students and promoted them to the ranks of Instructors to Masters. Some of them still live here in Houston. Some continue to train here and some run branch schools. Others have scattered across the country and even the world. Many have opened branch schools, all of which teach Chayon Ryu.

I have observed that some schools show favoritism or care for their students so much that they feel this is "My" student. They listen only to and follow only that instructor. It is like they are the instructor's servants. Some have gone as far as to shield the student from speaking with others at branch schools. They have even not wanted them to speak with me! This method of teaching is a very bad attitude, is wrong thinking and cannot continue. This is like building up your own private army.

In reality, we are all one school, Chayon Ryu. The students of Chayon Ryu are not my students and they are not your students. They are students of Chayon Ryu. Please ensure that your students know that they are part of a large family, a large system and let them draw on the resources and knowledge that Chayon Ryu has to offer.

Sincerely,

Grandmaster Kim Soo

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