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Shihan Samson Muripo (5th Dan)

Shihan Samson Muripo was born and raised in Chishiri Village, Rusitu Valley, under Chief Ndimba of Chimanimani. He started training Karate in 1993 at Ndimba Government High School. Over the years he developed a pure and utter admiration of the sport. Through hard work and determination, he found much success in the sport. Samson Muripo has given everything he has and has put in hard work and time each day to better himself and his peers. With that determination and perseverance, Shihan Samson Muripo has achieved a number of accolades.

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- a) First African World Karate Champion at the 1st World Cup Open Karate Tournament in Osaka, Japan, June 2009.
- b) Best Technical Prize of the 1st World Cup Open Karate Tournament, Osaka, Japan, June 2009.
- c) Silver Medalist at the Higashi Nippon International Kyokushin Karate-do Senshukentaikai Open Weight Tournament in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, April 2010.
- d) Scooped the Fighting Spirit Award of the 2nd World Cup Open Kyokushinkai Karate Tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan, July 2011.
- e) Silver Medalist in the Middleweight category of the 2nd World Cup Open Kyokushinkai Karate Tournament, Astana, Kazakhstan, July 2011.
- f) Gold Medalist in the Men's Open Weight Category of the Southern Africa Kyokushin Union Karate Championships, Thokoza, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, May 2012.

- g) Silver Medalist in the Men's Open of the 5th Len Barnes Memorial International Karate Tournament, June 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa.
- h) Bronze Medalist, Middleweight category of the World Kyokushin Union Karate Championships in Bulgaria 5-6 October 2013.
- i) Champion in the Heavyweight Category of the 2013 So-Kyokushin Cup Karate International Tournament in Shanghai, China.
- j) Silver Medalist in the Superheavyweight Category of the 2013 So-Kyokushin Cup International Karate Tournament in Shanghai, China.
- k) Silver Medalist in the Middle Weight of the 4th IKO Matsushima Group World Karate Tournament in Durban, RSA on the 6th and 7th of September 2014.
- l) Bronze Medalist at the 46th All Japan International Karate Tournament in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, April 2015.
- m) Gold Medalist of the Men 35 years plus Open Weight in the 3rd So-Kyokushin International Karate Tournament in Ahvaz, Iran, February 2017.
- n) Silver Medalist of the Men 23 years plus Open Weight in the 3rd So-Kyokushin International Karate Tournament in Ahvaz, Iran, February 2017.
- o) Gold Medalist of the Men 35-40 years Over 75kilograms (Open Weight) in the 4th Ohishi Cup So-Kyokushin International Karate Championships in Ahvaz, Iran, February 28th – the 2nd of March 2018.
- p) Silver Medalist of the Men +18years Kata Competition (Open Weight Division), in the 4th Ohishi Cup So-Kyokushin International Karate Championships in Ahvaz, Iran, February 28th – the 2nd of March 2018.
- q) Gold Medalist in the Young Master Kumite Category (36-46years) Men Open of the 49th All Japan Karate Tournament in Shizuoka City, Japan, 14th and 15th of April 2018.
- r) Gold Medalist in the Open Weight Division of the IKOKU International Full Contact Karate Tournament in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa on the 25th of August 2018.
- s) Scooped Gold Medal in the Men Over 80kgs Veterans Category (41-45 years) at the 6th Kyokushin Karate World Cup, Moscow, Russia on October 6th of 2019.(<http://karate-worldcup.org/en>).

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Shihan Muripo has won several gold and silver medals in regional and local tournaments that he has participated in. He also won awards like being crowned Zimbabwe's Annual National Sports Awards (ANSA) Sportsperson of the years 2009 and 2017, and Sportsman of the years 2009, 2013 and 2017. In 2018, he scooped Silver at the Annual National Sports Awards.

SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Besides being an athlete, Samson Muripo also holds various administrative portfolios. He is the Branch Chief for the Zimbabwe So-Kyokushin Karate-Do Organization, Africa Development Officer- for the International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan: World So-Kyokushin, Council Member- in the International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan: World So-Kyokushin, Council Member- in the Zimbabwe Karate Union (Style Representative), Council Member – in the Harare Metropolitan Province Karate Association (Style Representative) and is also a Qualified Technical Dan Examiner.

He has organized many local Kyokushin Karate tournaments and seminars, improving local talent and above all, he organized the first International So-Kyokushin Karate Championship on July the 22nd of 2017 at The Aquatic Complex in Chitungwiza. This was after successfully hosting continental championships in 2015 and 2016. Both these events attracted regional and international athletes, confirming the sport could give a boost to sports tourism.