

**Celebrating 4 Years Shanghai Xijiao Aikido Dojo**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 we officially started our activities of our dojo, which is now about 4 years ago. At that time we were four people as founding members: Rene, Didier, Terence and Ulrich. Terence and Ulrich still active in the dojo, whereas Rene set his priority more on his family since they have a second child. The more we were happy that he joined our celebration.



This Anniversary we jointly hosted with the March Shanghai Open Keiko. The morning keiko was hosted by

Ulrich and after the lunch break Fox from Shanghai Aikiclub hosted the second session.



Afterwards Ulrich, Terence and Francois performed their embukai and spontaneously the other guests Shinjiro, Fox and Ele also gave a short demonstration of their style.

After keiko and embukai we started our party with some nice Sake and Japanese snacks before we moved to the Sakura restaurant where we enjoyed a nice Japanese style dinner.

As Francois just passed his birthday he happily shared a bottle of Champagne with us.



Then we announced the international greetings we have received from friends abroad, e.g. Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Japan, Germany and Holland



This year's celebration was also the first anniversary that we held in our new dojo, where we moved in in September last year.



Thank you all very much who joined our celebration and we hope to meet you again soon again.

*Ulrich Mierswa*