

Jigaro Kano (1860-1938)

- **In 1882**, at the age of 22, Jigaro Kano created Kodokan Judo.
- **In 1909** Japan was invited to take part in the International Olympic Committee. Jigaro Kano was the first Asian member of the IOC
- **In 1920** a delegation from the Budokwai in Japan, consisting of Jigaro Kano, Hikoichi Aida and E.J.Harrison, visited Koizumi's London Budokwai. They suggested that Koizumi and Tani to change the style of martial art that they taught; convincing them to teach Kano's more scientific discipline of judo rather than the more traditional jujitsu.
- **In 1933**, Jigaro Kano returned to London. He spoke of the Budokwai becoming the London Branch of the Kodokan, but this did not happen
- **In 1938**, at an IOC meeting in Cairo it was decided that Tokyo would host the 12th Olympic Games, but the start of WW11 meant this did not happen.
- **In May, 1938** Kano died at sea whilst travelling back to Japan from Cairo.

Kano did not live to see Judo included as an Olympic discipline as it was not until 1964 when the 18th Olympic Games was held in Japan that judo was included.