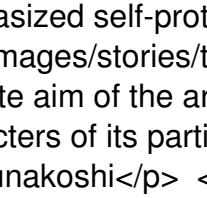


Funakoshi's Traditional Philosophy

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Funakoshi had a profound belief that shotokan karate was a means of character development and self-defense. He did not believe in resolving conflict with violence, but emphasized self-protection and respect for one another.

The ultimate aim of the art of karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the characters of its participants.

Funakoshi