

## DEL SAITO RECEIVES AWARD IN BRAZIL

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### Mirassol, Brazil

Del Saito, owner and chief instructor of the Del Saito's Martial Arts and Training Center here in Grants Pass, recently was presented the medal of **Medalha 8 De Setembro Award** at the City Council in the city of Mirassol, a municipality in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

This prestigious medal is awarded primarily to citizens of Mirassol, Sao Paulo, who have displayed prominent service in the city, or on its behalf, in the areas of education, science, technology, arts, literature, sports, industry, commerce, agriculture, and in accomplishments that have benefited the community or brought public recognition to the name of Mirassol. This year, the city took exception in nominating Del because of his dedication and service through the teachings of karate-do which have been instrumental in saving the life and wellbeing of Brazilian children and teenagers. Del's numerous karate branches, under the direction of Ubiratan de Souza Lima, his Brazil Director, have been serving throughout the community for several years.

The medal was awarded in accordance with the decision of a committee chaired by the President and the Vice-President of the City Council, together with a representative councilor member from each major political party represented in the City Council.



Soke receives award from President Emilio.

