

• Kinebuchi Yoshikuni



Gender/Age: Male, 60 years of age

Country/Region: Athens, Greece

Current Position:

Owner, the Japanese restaurant "Furin Kazan" in Greece and "Kei" restaurants in the Middle Eastern countries

Achievements:

With Japanese restaurants opened in Beirut and, later, in Athens, Mr. Yoshikuni was a pioneer in diffusing Japanese cuisine in the Middle East and Greece. He has contributed substantially to the diffusion of Japanese cuisine for more than 30 years since then.

Mr. Yoshikuni has exported Mediterranean tuna to Japan and Europe since 1987, contributing to the increased popularity of sushi. He always insists on handling tuna caught by pole-and-line fishing, and has appealed for a ban on tuna farming to protect tuna resources.