

Tomoko Mori – Profile

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Born in 1954 and having grown up in Japan. As a student, I read a book written by Master Masahiro Oki, one of the most well-known Japanese yogis. He was a distinctive teacher-healer-philosopher and the originator of a very individual system of yoga, known as Oki Yoga or Okido Yoga, 'Yoga in Oki's way', as *dō* means a way for searching for truth in life. Based on profound disciplines in many fields, he had founded the International Oki Yoga Institute (We call it as Mishima Dōjō) in Japan, in 1967. I started attending this place in 1978 while I was still a student.



After graduation and a period of teaching at high schools, I entered a residential apprenticeship under Master Oki and studied yoga between 1980 and 1984, sharing daily life with many colleagues. He used to say 'Eating from the same pot is the base line of Okido Yoga.'

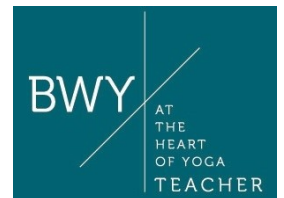
When I studied in Mishima Dōjō, it was running under a non-stop 'live and learn' system, for 24 / 7 / 365(366). There was no structural syllabus in this learning style. Here I learned that the essence of Okido Yoga is life-style yoga. I attended lessons and lectures given by the master, senior staff members and occasional guest teachers. I also learned by assisting their lessons and working together with colleagues. For his students to develop wider perspectives, Master Oki invited many guest teachers. Some of them were internationally well-known teachers including B.K.S. Iyengar of Yoga, Nathmal Tatia of Jaina Philosophy, and masters of Japanese Dō-arts.



The master appointed me to work for an English charitable company, Okiro Natural Health Education Trust Ltd (known as Okido Yoga UK. Ltd has been converted to CIO since Sep 2023). I arrived in the UK in May 1984. Since then, I did all my yoga activities under this charitable company and retired from employment at the end of August 2022. I am now contributing, as a volunteer, occasional workshops, educational web-articles and administrative work to this organisation. Please contact me for this work: contact@okidoyoga.org.uk

I give yoga weekly lessons in a personal, small capacity. Contact for these lessons: tomoko@my-okidoyoga.com

As well as running yoga activities in the UK, I sometimes teach abroad, and also welcome international participants to my online lessons. Also, hosting a Facebook page 'Okido Yoga Gatheing', I am promoting international communication among Okido Yoga learners. I am a certified teacher of the British Wheel of Yoga, the largest yoga membership organisation in the UK.



森朝子 (もり・ともこ) 1954 年岡山県生まれ。学生時代に沖正弘導師の本を読み、三島道場生活を数度体験。1 年間教職を務めた後、1980—1984 年、静岡県三島市の沖ヨガ修道場に住み込みで、沖導師の下ヨガを学ぶ。沖導師の任命により、イギリスで当時新たに設立されたチャリティー法人 Okido Natural Health Education Trust Ltd (通称イギリス沖道ヨガ) で働くため、1984 年 5 月渡英。以来、この法人の下で沖ヨガ活動を始め、2022 年 8 月をもって退職。現在はこの法人の役員の一であり、ボランティアで時折の時折のワークショップ、ウェブ記事、事務を担当。イギリス沖道ヨガの組織形態は 2023 年 8 月末に Ltd から CIO に変更し、今年は創立より 40 周年にあたり、それに合わせて、沖正弘著「生活ヨガ入門」の英訳本を出版。また、自営で小規模のヨガクラスを提供し、日本語でのレッスンはオンラインワークショップを毎月第 2 日曜日に開催、また折々 NPO 法人沖ヨガ協会の講師としてセミナー指導。フェイスブックページ Okido Yoga Gathering を主催。イギリスで最大のヨガ会員組織である、ブリティッシュ・ウィール・オブ・ヨガ (The British Wheel of Yoga) のヨガ教師の免状を有す。

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