

## THE RISE OF FILIPINO MARTIAL ARTS - MODERN ARNIS UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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Parting time with my family is the most difficult part of my life. Having the courage to give my kids a better life, I decided to take the opportunity that was offered to me to work outside the Philippines. It is a heart breaking moment leaving the sad kids while walking away from them to enter at the gateway of my new world.

Thinking way back why it happen suddenly, a big reason now is clear in my mind. Instead of going away from the responsibility in the Federation, it becomes much bigger because of the possibility of creating a group in this new country.

In support of Senior Master Bambit Dulay during his visit in the UAE, he initiated and introduced the Art in some areas of Dubai and Abu Dhabi despite of Ramadan month. I used to join him in visiting gym near my area.

**September 23, 2008 4pm:** our schedule of short demonstration at the “Golden Falcon Karate Centre,” in Al Karama, Dubai, U. A. E.





The demonstration was witnessed by the kids during their regular karate class. After the demonstration, we taught the kids in applying the basic of arnis by using their bare/empty hands, because there was no enough sticks to use for the training. My feeling was good seeing the kids enjoy doing the basic part as well as the willingness of their teacher to learn the art.



Senior Master Dulay and Sensei Suresh Babu





Group picture after the training... Golden Falcon Karate Center.

**September 26, 2008; 6:00pm:** I have to travel 2 hours from Dubai to Abu Dhabi, to start training with the first Arnis group in Abu Dhabi arranged by Master Bambit. These are all adult Filipino men and an Indian National from the gym, "Beyond Fitness", officer from Philippine Embassy took part of the training as well.



**October 1, 2008, EID:** Jumeirah Beach Training, Dubai, United Arab Emirates with a Modern Arnis Member from Germany...Steve



My vision comes that through this, we can now start spreading Modern Arnis U.A.E. and through a common interest with the management of the gym, and other interested students, IMAFP-UAE will soon to rise...

