

KENWA MABUNI
(1889-1952)

IS THE FOUNDER OF SHITO RYU

HE CREATED THIS SYSTEM FROM
TWO MAJOR GRAND MASTERS

ITOSU YASUTSUNE
(1832-1916)

HIGAONNA KANRYO
(1853-1917)

ITOSU EMPHASIZED SPEED AND AGILITY
WHEREAS
HIGAONNA EMPHASIZED POWER AND
HARDNESS OF BODY.

MABUNI RESPECTED BOTH MASTERS AND
TOOK BOTH MASTERS' INITIALS AND NAMED
HIS STYLE AS SHI (ITO), TO (HIGASHI) AND
RYU (STYLE). TODAY, SHITO RYU IS ONE
OF FOUR MAJOR STYLES IN THE WORLD.