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March 22, 2021 is a significant day when ITF marks its 55th Founding Anniversary.

During the period, ITF has always been loyal to the ideal of the Original Taekwon-Do and has developed into a world-class martial art organization involving tens of millions of Taekwon-Do practitioners world over.

Naming of Taekwon-Do



Gen. Choi Hong Hi restructured and systemized the Korean national martial art styles in which a long history of Korean nation and tradition is enshrined and thereby founded Taekwon-Do, the Korean traditional martial art, on April 11, 1955.

World-wide spreading of Taekwon-Do



Taekwon-Do began to be spread throughout the world with the visit of Taekwon-Do demonstration team consisting of 19 pioneers headed by Gen. Choi Hong Hi to Vietnam and in Chinese Taipei in 1959.

Since 1965, Taekwon-Do has been widely promoted in different countries and regions including Europe and Africa.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi meeting with the President of Vietnam (1959)



The 1st Taekwon-Do demonstration team to the East Asia (1959)

Session of Naming Board (April 11th, 1955)





Proclamation of the founding of the ITF



As a result of the wide spreading of the Original Taekwon-Do National Governing Bodies (NGBs) were established in 9 countries including Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and so on in early 1966.

On March 22nd, 1966, the ITF was founded and the inaugural Congress of the ITF elected Gen. Choi Hong Hi, founder of Taekwon-Do, as the 1st President of the ITF and approved the ITF Constitution, Flag, Recognition Plaque and Logo.



The 1st ITF Congress (March 22nd, 1966)



International Taekwon-Do Federation

Activities to strengthen the ITF after the foundation

Active demonstration, expansion of NGBs

Since its foundation, the ITF directed its efforts to distributing Taekwon-Do to the world by holding technical seminars and demonstrations actively.



Gen. Choi Hong Hi
visiting the
United Kingdom (1968)



Gen. Choi Hong Hi visiting
Hong Kong Taekwon-Do
Association (1969)



Gen. Choi Hong Hi
meeting with the
President of Haiti.(1972)



Gen. Choi meeting with the
Chairman of the Parliament
of Russia(1996)



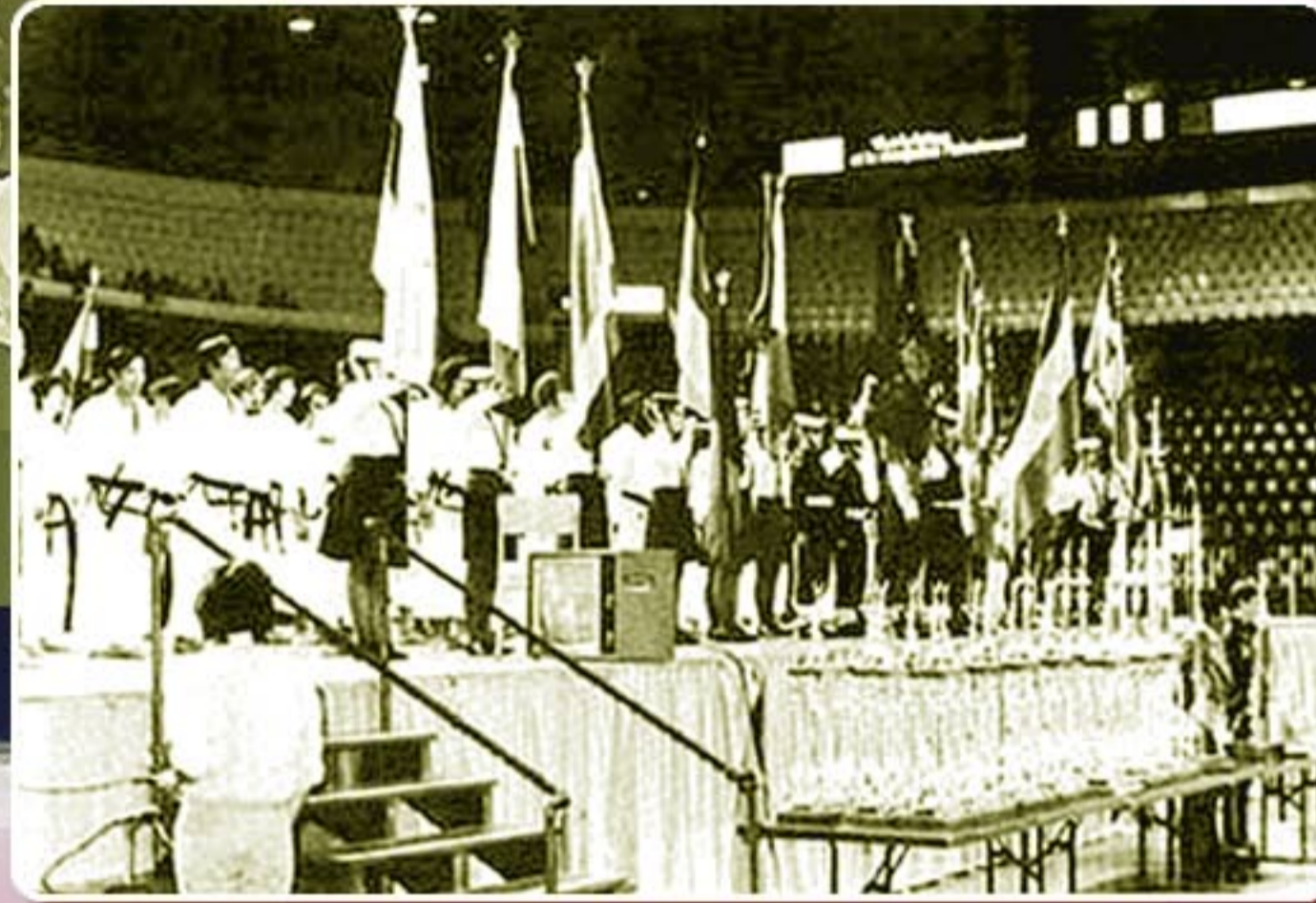
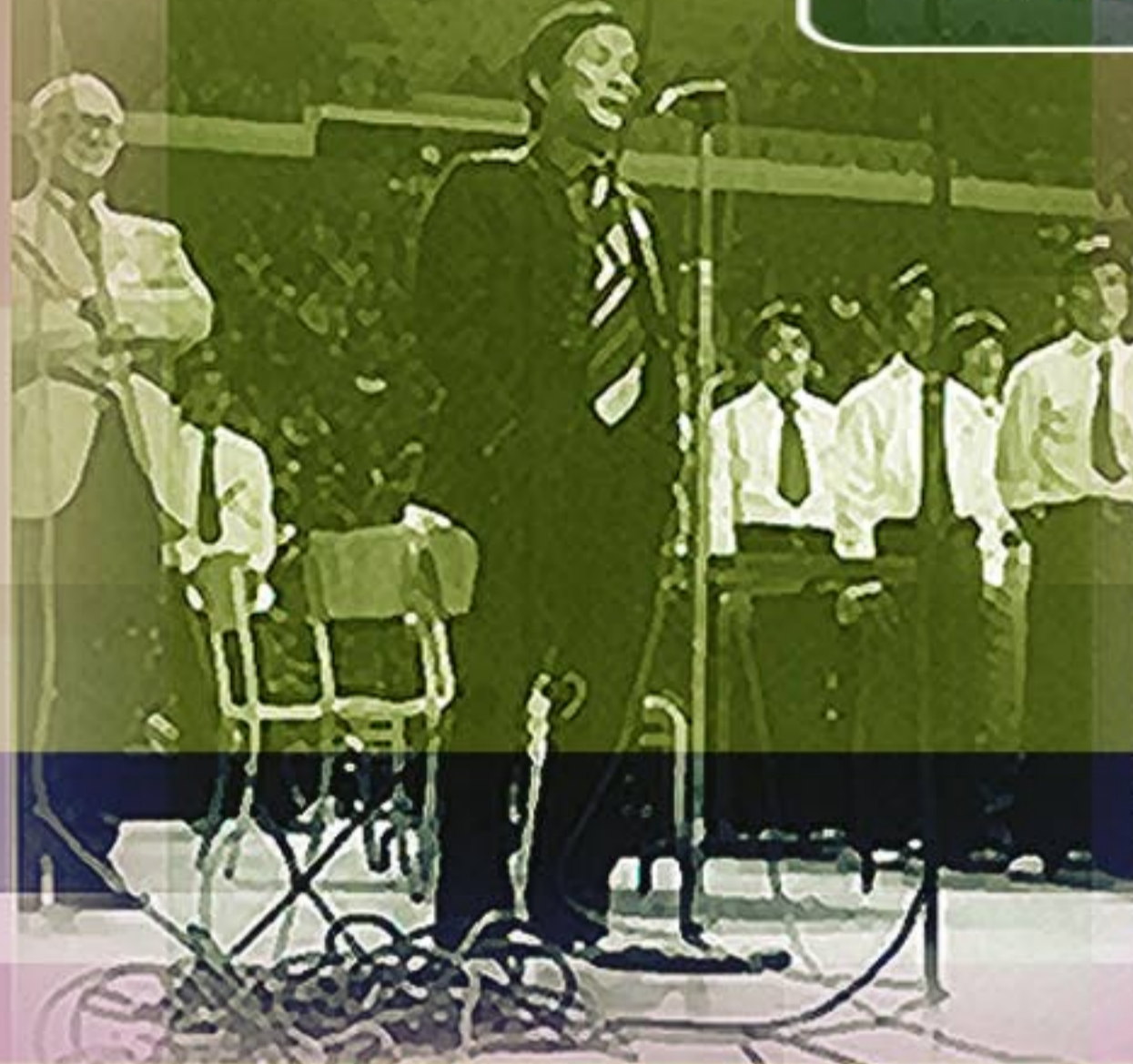
Gen. Choi meeting
with the King of
Cambodia(1998)

Publication of Taekwon-Do encyclopedia

With the positive support from the motherland of Taekwon-Do, Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the 1st President of the ITF published the 15-volume Taekwon-Do encyclopedia.



Organizing the Taekwon-Do World Championships



The 1st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships (1974, Canada)

In 1974, the ITF gave birth to the Taekwon-Do World Championships by holding the 1st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships in Montreal, Canada with pattern, sparring, special techniques and power breaking as its disciplines.

Since then, the ITF has been holding the Taekwon-Do World Championships periodically, thereby promoting the technical development of Taekwon-Do worldwide.

Strengthening of its international status, Advancing into the Olympic arena



The Taekwon-Do Demonstration Team on a tour to France (1968)

From the beginning of its foundation, the ITF made systematic preparations to strengthen its status and to enter the Olympics.



Gen. Choi Hong Hi meeting with and introducing the advantages of Taekwon-Do to Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the then IOC President (1984)

Activities to strengthen the ITF in the new century

Beginning of the Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships



The ITF elected Prof. Chang Ung, an IOC member, as the 2nd President of the ITF on September 22nd, 2002 and, in 2004, decided to open the Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships together with the Junior ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships from the 6th Junior ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.

Furthermore, the ITF decided to include the self-defense routine in all the championships as a discipline since then.



The 6th Junior and the 1st Veteran ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships (2004, Malaysia)

Positive activities of Taekwon-Do Demonstration Teams



The ITF sent the Taekwon-Do Demonstration Team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee to Seoul, South Korea in 2002 to perform demonstrations there.

From 2002 until 2014 the ITF performed Taekwon-Do demonstrations several tens of times in many countries and regions of the world, thereby fully demonstrating the power of the Original Taekwon-Do.



Demonstrations Performed by the Taekwon-Do Demo Team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee in South Korea (2002)



Demonstrations Performed by the Taekwon-Do Demo Team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee in U.S.A (2007)

Efforts to integrate Taekwon-Do



The ITF has been ceaselessly directed its efforts to the work for the integration of Taekwon-Do since 1980s.

In November, 2002, the ITF signed the historical agreement with the WTF to organize the Coordination Committee for the Integration of Taekwon-Do that deals with the matters regarding the integration of the 2 international Taekwon-Do organizations.

On August 21st, 2014, the ITF once again signed the historical agreement to recognize and respect each other, to collaborate honestly and to join in their efforts for the development and prosperity of Taekwon-Do worldwide in Nanjing, China.

PROTOCOL OF ACCORD

Acknowledging that the roots of Taekwon-Do are unique and that all Taekwon-Do organizations are to some extent inseparable, the International Taekwondo Federation (hereinafter ITF) and the World Taekwondo Federation (hereinafter WTF) propose to agree to the following principles:

1. ITF and WTF recognize and respect each other as international organizations of Taekwon-Do and provide cooperation and joint efforts in good faith for the further development and prosperity of Taekwon-Do in the world including in the Olympic movement.
2. For purpose of mutual understanding and unity, ITF and WTF will allow competitors and practitioners under their respective federations to participate reciprocally in championships and events to be hosted by both federations, subject to each Federation's rules of competition.
3. ITF and WTF will seek to establish possible opportunities to have ITF competitors participate in Olympic Games as early as Rio 2016.
4. ITF and WTF will form respectively its own Taekwondo demonstration team consisting of multinational practitioners and make the active promotion of Taekwon-Do through the world with their international tour all over the world including southern and northern parts of Korea, the motherland of Taekwondo according to the timing and maturity of the circumstances.

In the name of the
International Taekwondo Federation

President Prof. *YANG UNG*

In the name of the
World Taekwondo Federation

President Dr. *CHOUE CHUNGWON*

On the day of 21st August 2014 in Nanjing, China

This document is signed under the presence of H.E. Dr. Thomas BACH, IOC President.



In Nanjing, China (2014)

Activities to strengthen the ITF at present



The 25th ITF Congress (2015, Bulgaria)



Prof. Ri Yong Son, the former Executive Director General of the ITF and the Vice President of Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, was elected as the 3rd President of the ITF at the 25th ITF Congress which was held on August 26, 2015 in Bulgaria.

At present Prof. Ri Yong Son, the ITF President, is making strenuous efforts for strengthening the ITF and further developing Taekwon-Do activities worldwide.



Integrating the different ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships into one Taekwon-Do World Championships



At the 27th ITF Congress, the ITF decided and revised its Tournament rules to integrate separate biennial senior, junior and veteran championships into the Taekwon-Do World Championships let the decisions come into effect from the 21st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.



The 21st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships (2019, Bulgaria)

Consolidating of the international status of the ITF



Through tens of demonstrations including Taekwon-Do demonstrations in Chelyabinsk and Rovnia, Russia in 2015, the ITF has been continuing to fully demonstrate the power of Taekwon-Do throughout the world and further consolidating its status as an International Sports Organization by maintaining close relations with the IOC and other international organizations.



Taekwon-Do Demonstration (2015, Chelyabinsk and Rovnia, Russia)



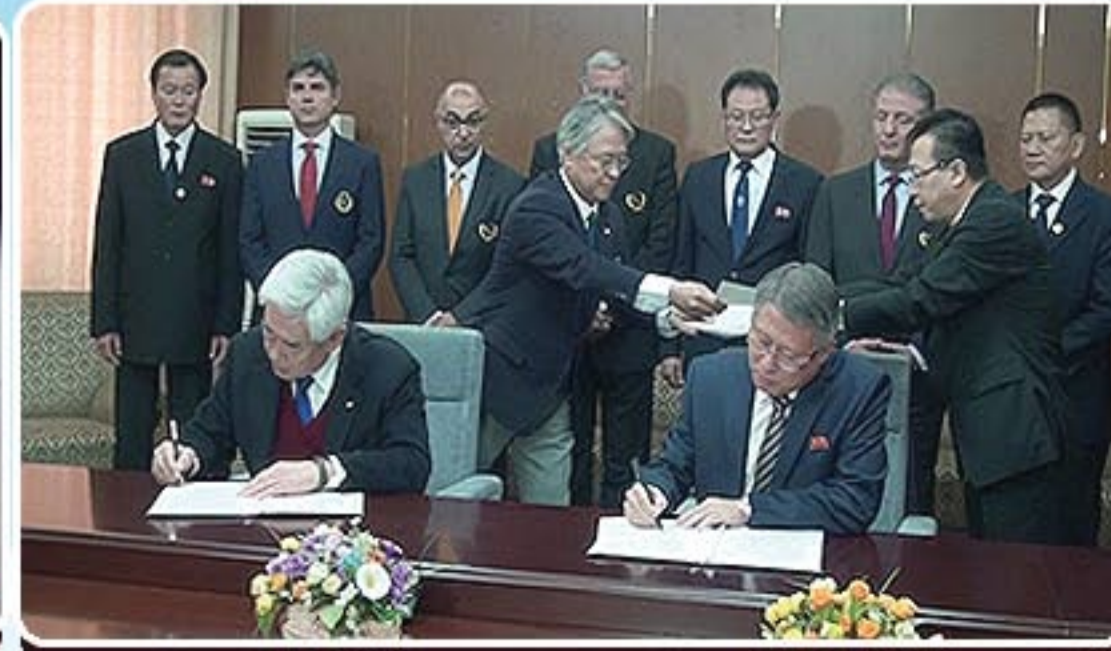
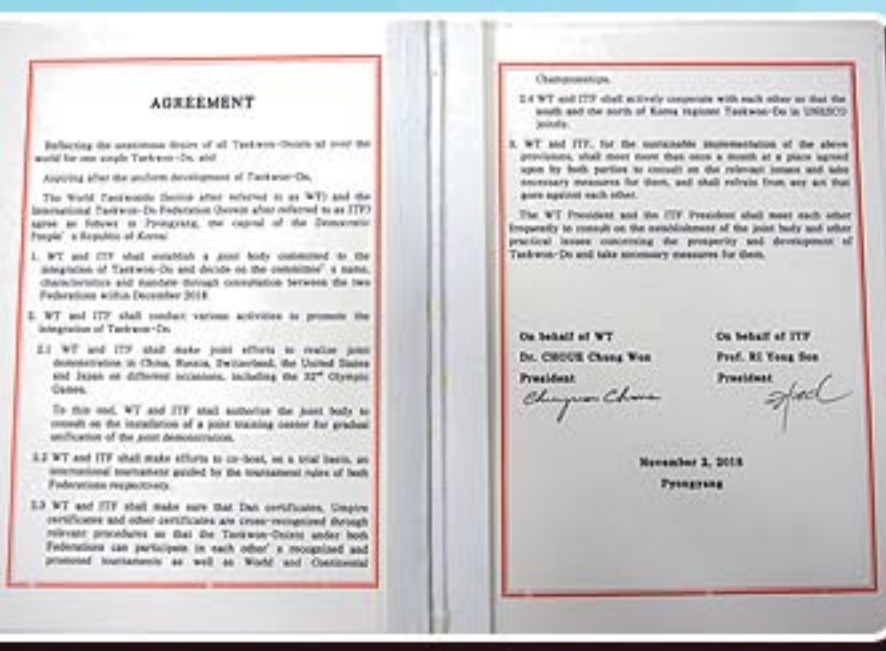
Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Olympic Museum (2019, Lausanne, Switzerland)

In 2020, the ITF reinforced the Anti-Doping Committee with the skilled and able members and amended and supplemented the ITF Anti-Doping Rules in order to accord its anti-doping activities with the WADA Code.

Through the positive cooperation with the Government and the NGB of Cambodia, the ITF has made a great success in including the Original Taekwon-Do as a sport in the 32nd SEA Games to be held in 2023, Cambodia.



Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Geneva UN Office (2019, Geneva, Switzerland)



Signing of the historic agreement for integration of Taekwon-Do (November 2nd, 2018, Pyongyang, DPR Korea)



President Prof. Ri Yong Son meeting with the General Director of ITU (2019)



Taekwon-Do Demonstration (2019, Vienna, Austria)

Continuous Taekwon-Do activities despite the global chaos



The ITF and its NGBs are continuing its activities conducting the on-line Taekwon-Do competitions, seminars and trainings during the global health crisis due to the wide spread of COVID-19 pandemic.



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9. SVAZOVÝ ON-LINE TAEKWON-DO SEMINÁŘ
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velmistr Hwang Ho-jong, IX. dan

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Motherland of Taekwon-Do leading the development of Taekwon-Do worldwide



Motherland of Taekwon-Do plays a significant role in the development of the ITF.

Motherland of Taekwon-Do sends prestigious international instructors and Taekwon-Do Demonstration Teams to several countries of the world, thereby giving a boost to the world-wide promotion of Taekwon-Do and the development of the ITF NGBs.

Taekwon-Do Palace (September, 1992)

Motherland of Taekwon-Do undertakes its activities on the basis of well-ordered Taekwon-Do dissemination, education and tournament systems.



Today a lot of Taekwon-Do practitioners and lovers at home and abroad visit Taekwon-Do Holy Center to master the gist of Taekwon-Do tenets.



Taekwon-Do Holy Center (April, 2012)



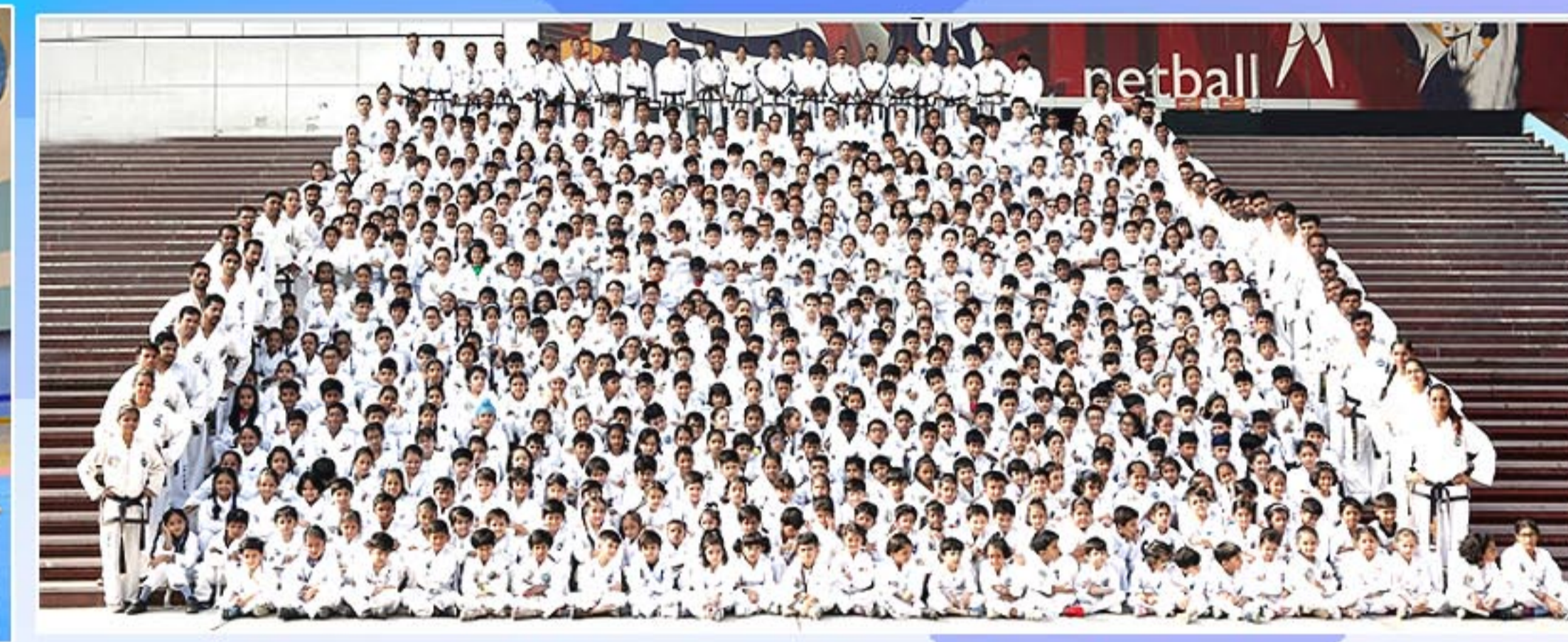
Activities of NGBs and their growth



The ITF, with its consistent and diligent efforts, has now grown as a gigantic martial arts organization involving 128 NGBs, including the formation of a Taekwon-Do National Association in Antigua and Barbuda, America in 2019.

Taekwon-Do distribution in Asia

TAEKWON-DO DISTRIBUTION IN ASIA



DPR KOREA

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MALAYSIA



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Taekwon-Do distribution in Europe

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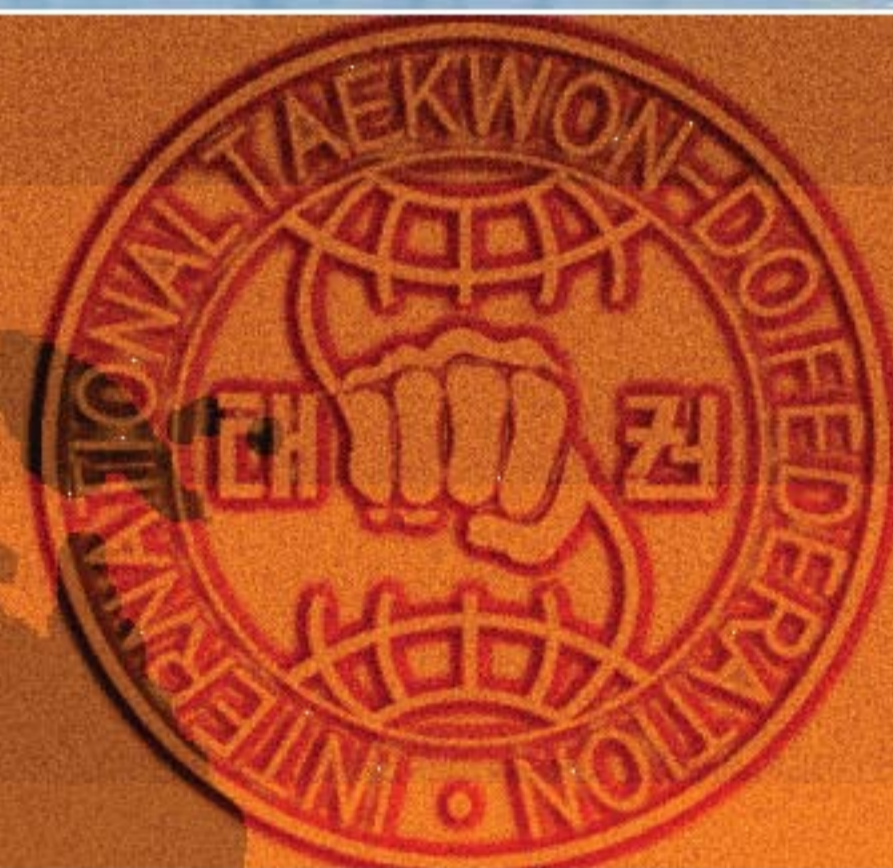
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