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Newsletter

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Future Relationships Between ITF And WTF Under The Patronage Of IOC

At present, we, the Taekwon-Do family, are in good prospect to achieve our efforts towards the Olympic Games.

As well known to the world, there were the bilateral talks between IOC and ITF, ITF and WTF and IOC and WTF in the period of the Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece.

Following this, the 3-party-talk was finally held at the office of IOC President which was temporarily located at the "HILTON HOTEL" in Athens.

Firstly, at the meeting between ITF and WTF Presidents, both Presidents agreed to respect and cooperate each other to solve with fairness and honesty the Taekwon-Do issue as soon as possible in conformity with the desires and wishes of all the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters.

At the 3-party-talk, it was reached to the unanimous agreement that the Taekwon-Do issue has historically been one of the sharpest and most complicated issues in Olympic circle and it should be settled down according to the interests of the Taekwon-Do practitioners over the world and in case it would continue to cause problems, the IOC would directly involve in this matter for the fair settlement.

Apart from this, the ITF President shared his views on Taekwon-Do issue with the IOC members, NOC Presidents and Sports authorities of several countries and paid the protocol visits to the highest authorities including President of Greece, President of Poland and King of Spain during the Olympic Games.

The 6th Junior And 1st Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships Held In Great Success

The 6th and 1st Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships was successfully held in Genting Highlands, Malaysia from 26th to 30th July 2004 under the participation of over 600 competitors from 49 countries.

The participants has fully demonstrated the strength and unity of ITF through the Championships and tremendously contributed to making our Taekwon-Do family one of the best and strongest organizations in the world.

What was most impressive in this event was that the Veteran Championships was firstly hosted in its kind.

They did their best to show and educate the juniors who and what the Martial Artists are through the tournaments.

It would really remain forever as the unforgettable and memorable event in the history of ITF.

At the Junior Championships, Korea was overall winner as in the past and at the Veteran Championships, Canada was best.

During the Championships, the ITF Special Congress took place and all the matters which were raised at the Congress were unanimously approved and decided.

The 1st International Martial-Art Games Finished With Success

Amidst the enormous concerns and attentions of the Martial Artists the world over, the 1st International Martial-Art Games was first ever hosted in Pyongyang, the capital of DPR Korea from 15th to 21st Sep. this year.

This event was opened like festival as it was the first game in the world to make the dreams of the entire Martial Artists come true.

The disciplines taking part in this events were Taekwon-Do, Wushu, Karate-Do, Go(Stone Chess), Ssirum(Korean Folk Wrestling) and so on.

During the events, there were the colorful ceremonies including setting-fire on the torch at the opening ceremony like Olympic Games.

The participants were extremely pleased and enjoyed all the time.

At the IMGK Special Congress which was held in the period of the festival, it was decided that the International Martial-Art Games should be held in every 2 years.

The International Instructor Course Will Take Place In Malaysia

The International Instructor Course will be opened in Malaysia from 3rd to 6th Dec. 2004.

GM Leong Wai Meng would conduct this course.

This opens the door to everybody who wants to update his or her techniques through this course.

For further information, please contact Master Tan Chek Si at his e-mail; tcs8@tm.net.my and Fax; +60 7 4348689.

Umpire Seminar to be organized by All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation

The AETF will organize the Umpire Seminar in Prague, Czech from 11th to 13th Feb. 2005 under the authorization of ITF.

This seminar will mainly be for Europe but welcome all the Umpires who would like to attend this.

In particular, the Chairmen of Umpire Committees of each Continental Federation should participate in this seminar.

If there are the Umpires who are interested in this, please get in touch with Mr. Ladislav Burian, Organizer of this seminar, at his e-mail; itf@cstv.cz and Fax; +420 2 57224209.

Notice From Secretariat

Through this opportunity, the Secretariat would like to remind all the NGBs to send your Next-Year-Schedule (National Championships, International Seminar, etc.) to ITF HQ not later than 30th Nov. this year so that ITF HQ could make out the unified Calendar for 2005.

As you know well, it is expected that we have a lot of events next year like the 14th WTC to be held in Australia.

In such a circumstance, ITF needs your assistances and cooperation so as to avoid the confusion.

If you do not respond in time, you would miss the chance to put your schedule into ITF Calendar for 2005.

Condensed Encyclopedia and New Year Calendar

- As having already informed at the ITF Special Congress held in Malaysia, the new edition of Condensed Encyclopedia was printed. It was finally revised just before Gen. Choi Hong Hi passed away. It has different prices according to the numbers of orders. The details for order of Condensed Encyclopedia are herewith attached.
- The Korean Taekwon-Do Committee printed the Calendar for 2005. It consists of 13 sheets of papers including cover paper and every paper has the action photos of the best Korean Masters and competitors who have already been well known to the world. If anybody would like to get over 80 units at one time, then he or she would be provided the special rate of price with USD 5.00 per one but it does not include the postal fee.

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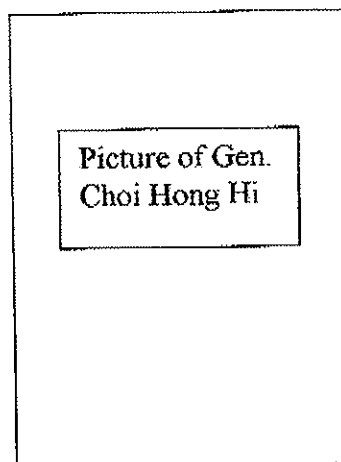
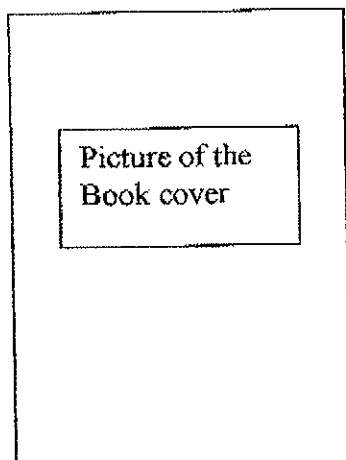
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