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## NEWSLETTER

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### ***WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ITF MEMBERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITF FOUNDATION***

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#### ***Information on the Executive Board Meeting***

As planned, the ITF Executive Board Meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2008 at the meeting room of the Hotel Hillinger in Vienna, Austria.

The present were 15 EB Members and relevant persons including the Chairmen of Standing Committees and the Representatives of the Organizing Committees for the World Championships.

At the meeting, the participants took part, actively and deliberately, in the discussions and produced the fruitful outcomes to make ITF more professional and dynamic.

The comprehensive and sensitive matters have been dealt with and the important issues consulted and decided at the meeting were as follows;

- Supplements to the ITF Constitution
- Budget for the new fiscal year 2008
- Improvement of the Tournament Rules
- Pro Taekwon-Do Competition Rules
- Qualification for the Seminar of the International Instructors and Umpires
- Merger talks between ITF and WTF

- Relations with IOC and GAISF
- ITF and IMG, particularly, for the success of 3<sup>rd</sup> IMG
- 1<sup>st</sup> ITF Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in USA

The EB members and other participants made the unanimous decisions at the consultation on all items raised in the whole periods of the meeting including the suggestion to set up the position of the Honorary Life President in ITF.

The participants paid the great attentions to the particular items for the improvement of the competitions during the World Championships and the organization of Pro TKD Competitions.

Besides, they reached the common agreements that ITF should take the necessary measures to upgrade the quality of the Seminars as well as the strict appointment of the conductors.

The assignments were given to the respective persons in accordance with the character of decisions so as to have these decisions implemented in the nearer future.

At the end of the meeting, the President highlighted that ITF would never introduce the Electronic Scoring Vest at the competitions like WTF to avoid the mistakes of the Judges because Taekwon-Do has been created by human and it is also understandable to everybody that human can make the mistakes with no regard to his or her intention.

ITF has really come to demonstrate its unity and cohesion through this meeting and move forward under the full supports of its members.

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### ***4<sup>th</sup> Session of the “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” ended amidst the expectations and attentions of the Taekwon-Doists worldwide***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” between ITF and WTF was held in Beijing, China on 1-2 March this year under the support of IOC.

Both sides showed, in the whole periods of meeting, their sincere efforts to produce the due outcomes as early as possible to give the satisfaction and happiness to the entire Taekwon-Do Family.

The Session resulted in releasing the Joint Communiqué as follows;

### **Joint Communiqué**

The International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) and the World Taekwon-Do Federation (WTF) held the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Coordination Committee for the Integration of Taekwon-Do on Mar. 1 ~ 2, 2008 at Guo An Hotel in Beijing, China.



At the plenary session, both sides agreed to make it general principles, in the discussion for the unification of Taekwon-Do techniques, to respect each other, to select superior techniques and to discuss the things bearing many common features first.

Following the plenary session, both sides held the subcommittees of Tul (pattern) and Matsogi (sparring) simultaneously and had a serious discussion about the unification of the techniques of Tul and Matsogi.

As for the unification of techniques of Tul, both sides explained, in the sub-committee of Tul, about the fundamental principles of their own Taekwon-Do and agreed to exchange each other's materials of composition system in Taekwon-Do techniques and other data related to it and define them at the next session.

In the sub-committee of Matsogi, both sides exchanged their opinions about the unification of techniques of Matsogi and agreed to divide Matsogi into 2 aspects of competition and technique. Both sides agreed to seek for a concrete way to unify Matsogi through studying the competition rules of each other at the next session.

Both sides agreed to decide the date and venue for the next session through correspondence.

Mar. 2, 2008

Beijing, China

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### ***8<sup>th</sup> Junior & 3<sup>rd</sup> Veteran World Championships to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan***

As everybody has already known, the above Championships would be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Sep. this year.

Beforehand, there will be the Umpire & Technical Seminar for 3 days from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Sep.

Only the participants in this seminar are eligible to be umpiring at the coming Championships.

During the Championships, ITF is going to convene the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress at 2 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> Sep. and every NGB can dispatch up to 3 members including the translator to this Congress.

The Organizing Committee has just created its website; [www.world-championship-2008-toshkent-tkd.uz](http://www.world-championship-2008-toshkent-tkd.uz) and you are cordially requested to access this page so as to get the respective information for this event.

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### ***ITF President visited Iran and UK***

Prof. Dr. Chang Ung paid the visits to Iran on 2-5 Mar. and to UK on 6-11 Mar. 2008. He brought the big progresses to make the ITF Taekwon-Do stronger in these 2 countries through his protocol visits.

During his visit to Iran, he shared the opinions with the Vice President of I.R. Iran who is also Sports Minister to get ITF recognized by the Iranian Government.

The Vice President of I.R Iran agreed with the suggestions made by the ITF President and promised to support ITF in Iran in the future.

Prof. Dr. Chang Ung, as well, talked with the several figures including the IOC Member in UK and the Secretary General of British Olympic Committee.

They all welcomed the ITF President and provided the useful advices in regard to consolidating ITF in UK to him.

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