

# International Taekwon-Do Federation I.T.F.



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## NEWSLETTER

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### THE 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNIOR & 2<sup>ND</sup> VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WAIT FOR YOU

As well known to the world, the above Championships will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July this year.

On the eve of this event, we are all extremely excited to demonstrate the skills and abilities gained and experienced from the daily training through it as well as to share the friendships and fellowships among ourselves.

At this moment, the news from the Organizing Committee for this event makes us very happy and joyful.

The Organizing Committee has already completed all the preparations for this "FESTIVAL" to make it best in its kind and waits for you all.

It is just of the wishes and desires of the Organizing Committee and ITF that we should enjoy this Festival with as many countries and colleagues across the world as possible in attendance.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN SOFIA !

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### THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ITF CONGRESS TAKES PLACE

As ITF HQ has already informed you, the 16<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in the period of the 7<sup>th</sup> Junior & 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran World Championships.

The Congress, the Supreme Body of ITF, will usually deal with the most important and decisive issues for the development of ITF and make the final decisions which were obliged to carry out as the policies of ITF.

Therefore, it is duty and obligation of all NGBs to send their representatives to this meeting, showing their continuous supports to ITF.

Pursuant to the ITF Constitution and By-Laws, the NGBs are allowed to send up to 3 representatives to the meeting.

ITF anticipates more supports and contributions from all the members under ITF during the 16<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress.

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## **ITF UMPIRE SEMINAR WITH NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS**

As all the NGBs might be informed, there will be the Umpire Seminar in Sofia, Bulgaria on 23-24 July this year just before the 7<sup>th</sup> Junior & 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran World Championships. The Umpires who want to officiate at the above Championships should take part in the said seminar and be updated with the new rules and regulations.

The Chairman of ITF Umpire Committee Grand Master Leong Wai Meng will conduct this seminar.

All the Umpires wishing to attend it should pay for their hotel accommodations and meals at their own expenses for 2 days seminar.

The cost for hotel and full boards is USD 80.00 per person per day and the entry fee to seminar is USD 50.00 per person.

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## **TALKS BETWEEN BOTH PRESIDENTS OF IOC AND ITF**

Prof. CHANG Ung, the President of ITF and IMGCC, was welcomed by IOC President Dr. Jacques ROGGE on May 18th, 2006 and held the open talks with him at the IOC HQ in Lausanne, Swiss for further development of ITF as well as for the combined developments of all the Martial-Art Disciplines on this globe.

First of all, the IOC President paid the great attentions to the issue of Taekwon-Do and shared the comprehensive views and opinions with ITF President to facilitate the on-going talks between ITF and WTF.

At the talks, the IOC President suggested to Prof. CHANG Ung to play more active roles in bringing the ideal solutions to the matter of all kinds of martial arts worldwide in the near future as one of the leaders responsible for the developments of Martial-Art in the field of International Sports including the IOC.

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## **THE BIG CELEBRATION FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITF FOUNDATION ENDED IN SUCCESS**

The grand ceremony celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ITF Birthday has ended in great success.

The event was held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, the Motherland of Taekwon-Do, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May this year under the patronage of ITF, Korean Taekwon-Do Committee and "Taekwon-Do Times" in USA.

Many Taekwon-Do peoples from more than 30 countries, regardless of their organizations like ITF and WTF, gathered in Pyongyang and celebrated this special day. During their stay in Pyongyang, they particularly visited the tomb of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do, and vowed to do their utmost for making the Taekwon-Do further developed and united into one in the near future as late Gen. Choi Hong Hi wished.

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## THE IMG AND GEN. CHOI HONG HI

The 2nd International Martial-Art Games(IMG) are getting nearer at our hands and it is the time for all ITF members to show again your loyalty towards late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Father of all of us, to the world as his genuine students.

As well known to the Martial Artists worldwide, the 2nd IMG will take place in Pyongyang, DPR Korea from 22nd to 29th Aug. this year under the participation of many Martial Art friends from different disciplines.

Since the formation of IMG in Argentina in September 1999, a lot of Martial Artists have paid the tremendous attentions to the growth of IMG and contributed to the promotion and expansion of IMG throughout its activities.

IMG has already demonstrated its power and strength to the peoples through the 1st IMG held in 2004 and now put its bigger energies to develop it to the higher stage amidst the series of supports from you all.

The 2nd IMG will surely be of the ideal production of our Martial-Art friends for making their dreams come true.

For this, IMG needs more assistance from you, the ITF peoples, who should take a lead in this project as Gen. Choi wished.

**Kindly ask you through this opportunity to confirm your participations in this event to ITF HQ as well as to the Organizing Committee at its e-mail; [imgc@silibank.com](mailto:imgc@silibank.com) or fax; (+850 2) 381 4539, 381 4410, 381 4416 by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

If you are unable to go to the 2nd IMG due to the unavoidable reasons, please let us know as well not later than the deadline mentioned in above.

The fact making us amazed and happy is that the unified team of Taekwon-Do between the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee and South Korean Taekwon-Do Federation under ITF will compete together against the teams from other countries during the 2<sup>nd</sup> IMG.

**Gen. Choi Hong Hi is eager to see you all in Pyongyang at that time.**

**WELCOME TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> IMG !!!**

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