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## 1.16th June Remembered

-On the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the passing away of Legendary Founder of Taekwon-Do Gen. Choi Hong Hi, Prof. Dr. Chang UNG. ITF President and IOC Member wrote a message to worship and mourn the soul of our beloved deceased to the address of all TKD practitioners around the world. The redaction has this obligation to present the integral part of his message in this present number of our News Letter.



## TO THE MEMORY OF OUR GEN. CHOI HONG HI

11 years have passed since we are all bereaved from our legendary Father-Founder of Taekwon-Do, General Choi Hong Hi who gave the birth to this peculiar Martial Art which embodied his whole conception of life.

Whom the Gods love die young. The incarnation of thousands of years of Martial Arts History passed away to our great regret leaving to us the greatest legacy of his life to be treasured for generations to come.

On this very day of the 15<sup>th</sup> June, I would like to invite all Taekwon-Do practitioners around the world to follow his country's tradition to address ritual bow to his glory, to mourn the soul and worship the spirit of our beloved Founder. His seasoned and technical proficiency became an eternity.

Let's be inspired of that to follow his ideal to sacrifice ourselves for the building of humanitarian society at the root of justice, morals and trust.

Worshiping his undying soul, I once again address my ritual bow to his glory.

*Sincerely his in Taekwon-Do*

*With all honors, I remain*

*Prof. Dr. Chang UNG*

*President of ITF*

- On this occasion, the 11th Memorial Service for Gen. Choi Hong Hi was held in Pyongyang, DPR of Korea.



Present there were Mr. Kim Kyong Ho, President of the Asian Taekwon-Do Federation & Korean Taekwon-Do Committee and instructors and athletes of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee. And Mr. Jo Tong Sol, permanent advisor to Gen. Choi Hong Hi and Eum Joon Sik, his special aide attended it.

They placed their wreaths and bunches of flowers in front of the tomb of Gen. Choi, the founder of Taekwon-Do and observed one minute silence- tribute to the memory of his undistinguishable exploits which will be forever engraved at ITF annals.

-The sad Day was remembered with deep emotion and grief and all Taekwon-Do Practitioners the world over expressed their regrets at his passing away.



In Thailand ITF.

## 2. President's Activities

- Prof. Dr. Chang UNG, ITF president and IOC member made tour in Lima Peru, in Bled Slovenia, in New York City USA, in Tianjin China, in Kiev Ukraine and in Lausanne Switzerland in conjunction with his IOC business that he profited to get on the spot-contact with NGBs of those countries and to proceed to the exchange of views and opinions with relevant persons for the subject of further promotion of Taekwon-Do not only in those countries but also in the sub-regions where they are located. He never failed to avail of his every of opportunities of contacts and rendez-vous with high ranking officials of Olympic Movement to talk about original TKD in terms of its powerful promotion as well as its recognition in different fields of international sports activities.

- On the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, President Chang UNG visited of Peruvian TKD Federation and inquired himself of difficult situation and physical hurdles that they were encountering recently and encouraged them

not to lose their dynamism quoting occasional saying "if you lost money, you lost nothing, if you lost friend, you lost much but if you lost courage and bravery, you lost all".

- From the 21<sup>st</sup> April to the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, he was invited to the XXIX Adult, XIX Junior, V Veteran and III Children European Taekwon-Do Championships held in Bled, Slovenia. He took part at the work of EITF EB Meeting and of EITF Congress where he sincerely congratulated all its participants and welcomed the host of the venue. During EITF Championships, he arranged individual, bilateral and multilateral meetings and contacts with all those who would like to share opinions for the matters of commonly concerns and gave personal advises to different issues for ITF general interests.
- Prior to these events, he went to Tianjin China and Kiev Ukraine to respectively attend the Opening Ceremony of the Memorial dedicated to the former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch and the 100<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Day of Olympic Movement in Kiev. During his stay in Tianjin, China he met Mr. Dr. CHOU CHUNGWON, President of World Taekwon-Do Federation and conversed with him in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.  
In Kiev, Ukraine, he was received by Prime Minister of Ukraine as well as Minister of Sports along with many IOC members who were invited to the event and talked with them about different issues of international sports activities as well as ITF activities comprised in.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Prof. Dr. Chang UNG, IOC Member was offered an audience by IOC President Jacque Rogge at IOC HQ in Lausanne, Switzerland. The meeting took place at his office. Prof. Dr. Chang UNG presented to him a report of activities he carried out along with Dr. CHOU CHUNGWON, President of WTF for the merger of both Taekwon-Do Federations.
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Prof. Dr. Chang UNG attended an IOC Meeting held in New York City and honored by the audience

offered to him by UN Secretary General H.E. Ban Ki Moon. They proceeded to the talk of different issues of bilateral interests and posed for occasional photos.



**Prof. Dr. Chang UNG poses for photo with UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon**

-Parallel to his hectic trip schedule, Prof. Dr. Chang UNG sent, on different occasions, letters of congratulation, letters of thanks, letters of approval, letters of recognition and letters of certificate in his name to the addresses of different of ITF NGBs as well as to the addresses of International Organizations and events thus encouraging their activities in one hand and on the other hand, upgrading international image and dignity of ITF focusing to the development of friendship and mutual benefits of all parties concerned.



### **3. The XXIX Adult, XIX Junior, V Veteran and III Children European Taekwon-Do ITF Championships.**

The XXVIII Adult, XIX Junior, V Veteran and III Children European Taekwon-Do Championships took place in Bled, Slovenia from the 22<sup>nd</sup> April to the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.



The venue was honored by the participation of 38 teams consisting of 627 competitors from 31 countries.

The opening ceremony took place in Sport Hall "Skating Hall" on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The opening ceremony was joined by VIPs to start with Prof. Dr. Chang UNG, ITF president and IOC member and Mayor of the city Bled followed by SM. Michael Prewett, EITF President and Secretary General of Slovenian NOC.

On the invitation of EITF President, Prof. Dr. Chang Ung presented an occasional speech where he sincerely wished the success of EITF Championships.

He was followed by Mayor of Bled City who expressed his proud for hosting such significant events for second time in the history of Bled stressing that his City will never cease to bring constant contributions in the future to further promotion of genuine Taekwon-Do.

SM. Prewett expressed his thanks to all distinguished orators for their encouraging words for the successful gathering of the events hoping that the Championships would prove a landmark to improve original Taekwon-Do techniques and skills in the region and around the world.

All invitees got the unique chance to attend to an ever first shown wooden musical instruments performance with extraordinary lyrical tunes thus amazing the audience.

-On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 EITF Congress took place at "Jelovica" hotel's conference room from 20:00 to 23:10.

EITF President SM. Michael Prewett and ITF President Prof. Dr. Chang Ung. IOC member presented their welcome speeches.

EITF vice- presidents presented their reports regarding activities in their regions.

The Congress dealt all raised subjects successfully.

-Prior to the Congress, EITF EB meeting took place at the Restaurant of Hotel "Park".

The deliberation of all topics of EB meeting were concluded with positive results thus leaving spaces for more reflections on some issues.

-All NGBs teams and competitors who were engaged in different categories' of competitions displayed without reserves their high technical skills and performances boasting respectively about their own countries' image and dignity.

The Championships constituted an historic momentum for having demonstrated once again the almighty power of Taekwon-Do deeply inspired by its genuine technical performances as well as by its moral, cultural and philosophical superiority and at the same time for having provided to all its participants a plat-form for the promotion of friendship, unity and solidarity on the basis of equal footing. Following is the over all result of the Championship.

## OVERALL COUNTRY

Country		Competitors	Teams	Teams SD	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
RUSSIA	RUS	 124	4	2	42	49	25	27	31	31
UKRAINE	UKR	 103	5	5	20	25	22	25	35	35
BULGARIA	BUL	 67	4	2	12	12	13	14	23	23
CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE	 51	7	6	11	15	18	19	23	23
HELLAS	GRE	 46	5		4	5	10	10	17	17
CROATIA	CRO	 33	3		3	3	4	5	8	8
SLOVENIA	SLO	 37	5		3	4	4	4	8	8
BELARUS	BLR	 17			3	5	1	1	6	6
WALES	WAL	 14	1		3	4	0	0	5	5
SCOTLAND	SCO	 14	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3
SERBIA	SER	 7			2	2	1	1	0	0
GREENLAND	GRL	 7			1	1	1	1	2	2
FINLAND	FIN	 6			1	4	1	3	0	0
ESTONIA	EST	 24	2		0	0	1	1	5	5
NORTHERN IRELAND	NIR	 6	1	1	0	2	1	3	3	3
BELGIUM	BEL	 5		1	0	0	1	1	2	2
HUNGARY	HUN	 3			0	0	1	1	1	1
ITALY	ITA	 8		4	0	0	1	1	1	1
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	IRL	 2			0	0	1	1	0	0
NORWAY	NOR	 10			0	0	0	0	6	6
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BIH	 9			0	0	0	0	3	3
NETHERLANDS	NL	 6		1	0	1	0	0	3	3
ENGLAND	ENG	 2			0	0	0	0	1	1
GERMANY	GER	 6	1		0	0	0	0	1	1
CYPRUS	CYP	 9			0	0	0	0	0	0
LATVIA	LAT	 4			0	0	0	0	0	0
SLOVAKIA	SVK	 3			0	0	0	0	0	0
SPAIN	ESP	 1			0	0	0	0	0	0
SWEDEN	SWE	 5			0	0	0	0	0	0
FRANCE	FRA	 5			0	0	0	0	0	0
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#### 4. International General Choi Memorial Cup



The International General Choi Memorial Cup took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Ottawa, Canada for the Memory of our Legendary Founder General Choi Hong Hi under the guidance of SGM. Phap Ken Lu, ITF secretary general in conjunction with the June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 North America International Umpire Course, conducted by SGM & Dato, Leong Wai Meng, ITF vice-president and chairman of its Umpire Committee. Letters of congratulations in the name of different high ranking persons encouraged the host of the event.



David Johnston



The Memorial Cup deeply inspired of 5 tenets of Courtesy (Ye Yi), Integrity (Yom Chi), Perseverance (In Nae), Self- Control (Guk Gi) and Indomitable Spirit (Baekjul Bulgul) put forward by our Legendary Founder General Choi Attracted great attentions and expectations of all original Taekwon-Do practitioners to start with instructors, masters, senior masters, grand masters and senior grand masters around the world transcending all racial, national, political, cultural and religious differences.

The event was honored by the presence of many outstanding Taekwon-do masters and by the participation of more than 300 competitors around the world followed by Ottawa & Montreal Community leaders, medias as well as with some 500 spectators. At the Opening Ceremony, greeting speeches from Senator Ngo Thanh Hai, Deputy Mayor, Steve Desroches, and Prof.

Dato. Leong Wai Meng, ITF Vice-President were delivered followed by TaeKwon-Do Master Demo and 2013 Canadian national Taekwon-do women Team's demo representing Canada for the 2013 WORLD TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The event was largely covered by local media for dynamic actions and colorful shows of Martial Arts world.

## 5. 5<sup>th</sup> IMG

The 5<sup>th</sup> International martial Arts Games took place in Melbourne, Australia from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the framework of the 9<sup>th</sup> WKC World Championship.

Prof. Dr. Chang UNG IMGC President sent a congratulatory message in his name to the address of all its participants. In his message, he said that since the first days of its establishment, IMGC never failed to wield power all over the world as a messenger of peace, justice and reconciliation in compliance with this noble ideal to promote healthier humankind through its own mind cultivation wished great successes to the work of the event.

He mandated Prof. Dr. Dato. Leong Wai Meng, SGM and ITF vice-president to represent him in the whole process of the games and invited in person Korean TKD Demonstration Team to the event and charged SM. Robert Lai, President of All Australia Taekwon-Do Federation along with its vice-president SM. Low Min Tuck to organize TKD Competition in the games.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of IMGC was held on May 9, 2013 at Mantra on Russelle Hotel, Melbourne. Participated were Executive Board Members of IMGC and over 30 delegates from 12 international martial art organizations of different countries. The Congress discussed amendment of the Statute, admission of new Membership, venue of the 6<sup>th</sup> IMG. The Congress defined friendship, cooperation, development as ideal of IMGC by full consensus and admitted the World Judo Federation and the World Pangration Athlima Federation as new IMGC members. India ITF and International Jendo Federation based in Philippines bid for the 6<sup>th</sup> IMG. On the same day the Executive Board Meeting was held before the Congress.

The event which took place under the participation of more than 600 players from 25 countries demonstrated once again the power of martial arts throughout the world in compliance with its noble ideals thus bringing people all together in harmony of peace and friendship.

## 6. ITF SA, new ITF NGB in South Africa



On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, new ITF NGB was born in South Africa as an official National Governing Body legally affiliated to the ITF in Vienna, Austria following termination of the membership of SA ITF as member of ITF.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013, ITF HQ sent to the address of newly born South Africa NGB a letter of recognition in the name of Prof. Dr. Chang UNG, ITF President and IOC member and approved on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 ITF SA' newly designed emblem-logo in compliance with Article 35. of chapter 6 of its Constitution.

Many were letters of congratulations and of encouragements to the address of ITF SA expressing their sincere and heart-felt thanks to those who gave their all for this great event and inviting all ITF NGBs around the world to manifest their full support and solidarity toward the latter. Strong belief and absolute confidence were revealed for ITF SA to never fail in its gigantic and responsible works aimed to promote the request and interest of all its members and bring substantial contributions to the development and consolidation of original ITF activities in South Africa and in African Continent.

New Executive Council of ITF SA is consisting of Sabum nim Jaren Phillips as President, Sabum nim Misha Pereira and Sabum nim Leith Ann Steel as Vice- Presidents and Sabum nim Brannon Phillips as Secretary General.

## 7. NGBs Activities

During second quarterly period, notables achievements were recorded in the field of different ITF NGBs activities which constitute important contributions to further promotion of original Taekwon-Do thus consolidating and strengthening the ranks of ITF around the world.

- HED MOHD SHIRZAI, Founder-President of All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association ITF congratulated all afghan ITF TKD students who scored many successes at the International Memorial Gen. Choi Cup held in Ottawa, Canada.





- On the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Azerbaijan Taekwon-Do Union was granted official state recognition from Azerbaijan Republic Government. Prof. Dr. Chang UNG sent his letters of thanks to the address of H.E. ILHAM ALIYEV, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on one hand and on the other hand H.E. KAMALADIN HEYDAROV, and H.E. AZAD RAHIMOV, respectively Azerbaijani minister of emergency situation and minister of youth and sports.
- Ethio-United Taekwon-Do Association is the name of NGB of Ethiopia, a country located in the horn of Africa having as its President Abdi Kedir Mohammad, well-known Taekwon-Do Leader in the region. TFA renewed its links again along with ITF HQ with Ethio-United Taekwon-Do Association who, during those difficult years, never stopped but kicked off more dynamically ITF activities boldly overcoming all hardships and challenges lying ahead of them.



- Canadian National Taekwon-Do Group elected its new president. As new president, they elected SGM. Phap Ken LU, ITF secretary general to this responsible post. The election which coincided with the 11<sup>th</sup> April Taekwon-Do Day shared hopes and expectations that under the leadership of newly elected President, Canadian ITF NGB as it was in the past, will continue in the future too to bring excellent contributions to the promotion of original Taekwon-Do around the world.
- On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013, M. Martin Zamecnik, President of Czeck TKD Federation ITF was reelected as its President for the second-term till 2015. New EB and Standing Committees' members were also elected with same status.
- Though ITF underscored some not yet serious loss in Denmark, the first stage of its recovery has been carried on successfully in touch with a community of young peoples in Copenhagen. SM. Chin-Huat Yeo from Sweden volunteered for this delicate and complicated endeavor to set up a Taekwon-Do school with him. He hopes to start the training on some days of coming September, with reopening of all schools.
- HKTKDC (Hong Kong Taekwon-Do Council), Hong Kong ITF NGB is officially affiliated, on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013, to the Membership of our ITF.
- Good news from Mexico. Master Rafael Alvarez Perez, Mr, Ramiro Rodriguez and Mr, Mario Reyes Pichardo representing respectively 3 ITF different groups FMAMO, FNTGC and FTOM are supposed to come to Sofia to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> WTC to proceed to the talks aimed to unify all these 3 groups into one Federation. Though we couldn't expect any subsequent results, it is already a very positive starting step towards reconciliation.
- Ben Evans, Hawkes Bay International Taekwon-Do Federation regional Director, Special Needs Taekwon-Do Founder & Director, International Taekwon-Do Federation of New Zealand Executive Member wrote, following his tremendous works, an Instructors Manual of 220 pages, a guide-line how to set up and teach Special Needs Taekwon-Do. Recently, he performed a very nice Taekwon-Do



- An International Tournament OPEN RIGA CUP 2013 was held from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the Olympic Sports Center in Riga as part of Baltic Combat Games which was organized with cooperation of eight other Martial Arts Organizations under the participation of 1640 participants from 8 countries. ITF Taekwon-Do Tournament was held under the participation of 13 clubs from Finland, Russia, Estonia and many Latvian Clubs. The tournament was concluded with great success.







**OPEN RIGA CUP' 2013**  
International Taekwon-Do Tournament  
19. May 2013



**OVERALL RESULTS**

Rk.	CLUB TEAMS	Flag	Country	Participants quantity	TOTAL				points	PLACE
					GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	MEDALS		
1	LTCS (LAT)		LAT	38	10	6	3	19	45	1
2	SKORPIONS (LAT)		LAT	3	2	1	0	3	8	8
3	DO JANG (EST)		EST	16	3	2	2	7	15	2
4	TKD - Rēzekne (LAT)		LAT	6	0	0	2	2	2	13
6	SONKAL (LAT)		LAT	12	2	2	0	4	10	4
6	PSKOV TKD Fed. (RUS)		RUS	4	2	1	1	4	9	7
7	HVARANG (EST)		EST	10	3	1	1	5	12	3
8	ELDO SPORTS (LAT)		LAT	8	1	3	1	5	10	5
9	RASEBORG (FIN)		FIN	3	0	2	0	2	4	12
10	KI HAP (LAT)		LAT	11	1	0	2	3	6	10
11	VIKTORIA-T (LAT)		LAT	7	1	2	0	3	7	9
12	K-SPORT (LAT)		LAT	2	1	0	1	2	4	11
13	ALEKS CLUB (LAT)		LAT	6	3	0	0	3	9	6
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- Due to the expiration of the term of the previous Board, a new Board of Directors of the Nicaraguan ITF Taekwon-Do Association is formed. Following is the composition of newly formed Board of Directors:

Carlos Flores Machado: PRESIDENT

Luis Reynosa: VICE-PRESIDENT

Yader García Cerrato: General Secretary

Julio Torres Chávez: TREASURER

Marvin J. Reyes R: ADVISORY COUNCILLOR



- From the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013, SGM. Kim Ung Chol, ITF Tournament Committee Chairman conducted an International Instructor course in U.K, Britton under the participation of more than 40 relevant people.







- From the 10th to the 11th May 2013, Ocala in Florida was honored by hosting of a Technical Seminar conducted by SGM. Phap Lu. ITF Secretary General along with Florida Championship. Master Ramon Mateo was also present there. The event was organized by Mr. Jose Monteo and Ocala ITF Taekwon-Do Academy.





- SGM. Hwang Ho Yong, Chairman of Technical and Education Committee managed an International Technical Seminar from the 10th to the 12th May 2013 at Thessaloniki inner Stadium, Greece. More than 50 Dan holders from Greece, Czeck and Cyprus attended the Seminar.





- Prof. Dr. Dato. SGM. Leong Wai Meng, ITF Vice-President conducted in person the 7th and the 9th June 2013 North America International Umpire Course in coincidence with International General Choi Cup in Ottawa, Canada.






- From the 14th to the 16th June 2013, SGM. Hwang Ho Yong, Chairman of Technical and Education Committee led a National Seminar at Herne in Germany under the participation of more than 70 practitioners from Germany, UK, Netherlands and Switzerland.



## 9. New Prof. & Dr Chang UNG International Taekwon-Do Games

The Puerto Rico ITF National Federation of Taekwon-Do instituted its annual Games as Prof. Dr. Chang UNG International Taekwon-Do Games. The first of its edition will take place from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013. SGM. Benny Rivera, ITF Vice-President promised all its attendants that they will return home with a new experience and beautiful vocation to remember in the years to come.



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## 10. Prize Honor

- **Secretary General of International TaeKwon-Do Federation & President of ITF CANADA National Governing Body, Senior Grand Master Phap Lu, 9th Dan, was honored 18<sup>th</sup> April with an Official Ceremony for presenting the QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL. In recognition of his many years' hard work and contribution to Canada up-north; across Canada as well in Ottawa community. The Ceremony was held at the office of Minister of State Sport. The Honourable Bal Gosal presented the medal to SGM Lu together with the Certificate signed by Governor of Canada, Hon. David Johnston.**



- **M. Ramon Mateo, President NATF-ITF was honored with a Senate Citation of the State of Rhode Island for the work he has been doing for over 40 years in the Martial Arts, Taekwon-Do ITF.**
- **On the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013, an unveiling Ceremony of Cambodian National Olympic Committee Building was held in Phnom Pen, Cambodia.**





Master Ri Chol Nam, Korean master in charge of TKD training in Cambodia was granted a Medal <Monassara foan> 2<sup>nd</sup> category by Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Hunsen in person for his outstanding contributions to TKD promotion in Cambodia.

### 11. 23<sup>rd</sup> ITF Congress



On the occasion of forthcoming ITF Congress, Prof. Dr. Chang UNG, ITF President and IOC Member sent an invitation letter to the addresses of all ITF NGBs where he expressed his fervent and passionate congratulations to all original Taekwon-Do practitioners around the World who are spurring on the preparation for their participation in the forthcoming ITF World

Championship which will take place for its 18<sup>th</sup> round edition in Sofia, Bulgaria from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

This historical event which will be engraved elaborately upon the annals of the monumental development and never expected popularity that ITF is enjoying now is drawing near. Following our tradition in compliance with ITF Constitution, one of the legacies that has been forged by our beloved founder Gen. CHOI HONG HI, 23<sup>rd</sup> ITF Congress will be convened on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in the frame work of this important international gathering.

This is really a great wonder that our Congress has already 23 years old.

How far we have come since the first Congress. All of us are to be proud of that. The Championship will take place in Sofia, 700 years old to be the second oldest city in Europe. In 1900, the City Council approved the Emblem of Sofia and the motto "It grows but does not age". Let's also hope that our original ITF Taekwon-Do will remain freshly young through the ages as Sofia does not age.

Join the event to put altogether more milestones on our way.

Let's champion our pride and dignity throughout the world.