



# International Taekwon-Do Federation

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *The Fruitful Talk between IOC President and ITF President*

On 1<sup>st</sup> of April this year, the second meeting between IOC President and ITF President following the talk held on 31<sup>st</sup> of January was achieved at the office of IOC President in the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The talk lasted nearly 1 hour, beyond the expected 30 minutes, amidst the cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The ITF President explained the history of Taekwon-Do and, in particular, the current situation around Taekwon-Do in detailed and the IOC President expressed his concern to bring the reasonable and fair solution to the issue of Taekwon-Do.

At the end of the talk, the ITF President presented the statue of Gen. Choi Hong Hi in the posture of Heaven Hand, the Award of Loyalty.

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### *The 10<sup>th</sup> Junior and 19<sup>th</sup> Senior European Championships successfully holds*

The 10<sup>th</sup> Junior and 19<sup>th</sup> Senior European Championships was successfully held in Sofia, Bulgaria from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

The European Championships as the regular and traditional event of Europe every year has attracted the huge interesting and curiosity among the Taekwon-Do practitioners and thus, this Championships was the big gathering of over 600 participants from 29 countries in European region.

During the Championships, the Congress of AETF was held and the productive and comprehensive issues for the prompt development and intensification of original Taekwon-Do not only in Europe but also in worldwide were discussed and very important and effective decisions made.

The competitors fully demonstrated their skills and ability through the impressive match and consolidated the friendship, solidarity and unity among themselves.

The special congratulations go to the countries of overall winner RUSSIA, CZECH and BULGARIA as well as all the countries participated in this memorable Championships.

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## *Visit to ITF HQ by Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha, the Senior Vice President*

Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha, the Senior Vice President, paid a visit to ITF Headquarters from 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. to 1<sup>st</sup> Apr. this year.

In the period of his stay in Headquarters, he held the useful talk with the ITF President and staffs and offered the constructive proposals for the strengthening of ITF.

His suggestions as one of the Pioneers and Senior Vice President were of the much assistances to the promotion of work of ITF HQ.

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## *The Endeavors for Upgrading the Original Taekwon-Do in Afghanistan*

Grand Master Park Jong Soo conducted the seminar for the students in Afghanistan from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2004 by the invitation of Mr. Hed Mohammad Shirzai, the President of Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association.

Present at the seminar were the students from Afghanistan and Pakistan and there discussed the comprehensive issues ranging from moral culture to individual technique. All the attendants were so much happy with seminar and felt proud of having Grand Master Park Jong Soo with them in that period.

**MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAND MASTER PARK JONG SOO FOR HIS TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS !**

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## *Great Progresses of ITF in Africa*

To be honest, the weakest point of ITF was connected to the poor activities of ITF Taekwon-Do in the region of Africa.

Of course, the peoples in African Continent love Taekwon-Do and have the better physical condition to be the best champions in the world, however, they are not active in promoting this martial-art in their continent because of some reasons including the financial support.

In the past, there were several attempts by ITF to build the strong foundation for the growth and expansion of the original Taekwon.-Do but no luck.

Therefore, ITF discussed this matter with very seriousness at the 14<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress held in Thessaloniki, Greece and made a decision to send Grand Master Leong Wai Meng, the interim President in charge of Africa, to the African region for seeking the possibility to make ITF popular in this area.

According to the decision made at the Congress, Grand Master Leong Wai Meng has paid a visit to Ethiopia from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 and to South Africa from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004.



During his stay in each country, he had a splendid talk with the leaders as well as all the black belt holders for taking the boom of ITF in the entire region of Africa and updated their techniques through the seminar.

In the seminar held in South Africa, the students from Mozambique and Zimbabwe were too present.

Grand Master Leong Wai Meng has received the warm and kind greetings and congratulations from ITF members in the period of visit to each country and they made an one voice to respect and follow up the last will of Gen. Choi Hong Hi and to be consistently loyal to ITF.

**MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAND MASTER  
LEONG WAI MENG FOR HIS TIRELESS DEDICATIONS !**

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### *Welcome to Malaysia*

The historical and significant event, the 6<sup>th</sup> Junior and 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships is nearly coming up.

Of course, the competitors, especially the competitors for Veteran tournaments to be first-ever held in its kind would be swept with the excitements and enthusiasm to be the champion at the upcoming World Championships.

In order to make your dream come true, the Organizing Committee has already ended the preparations for the Championships at the amazing levels and is now very busy with their final jobs to receive you with warmth and kindness.

You would enjoy all the things and never forget the comforts and hospitality towards you during the Championships forever.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN MALAYSIA !**

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### *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Cup Tournaments for Gen. Choi Hong Hi takes place*

Pursuant to the decision of the Executive Committee, the Memorial Cup Tournaments for Gen. Choi Hong Hi has been to be held every year on the occasion of his BIRTHDAY. The 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Cup Tournaments for Gen. Choi Hong Hi was successfully held in Ottawa, Canada, last October under the participation of more than 400 competitors from 6 countries.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event for this will take place in Kosice, Slovakia from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2004. You are kindly requested to visit the ITF home page for the more detailed information on it.

**Should you have any enquiries for this event, please get in touch  
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LET'S FULFILL OUR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS AS THE  
GENUINE DECIPLES OF GEN. CHOI HONG HI BY DOING OUR  
BEST FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESS AND MEMORABLE !

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### *The 1<sup>st</sup> PAN AM GAMES to be held in Argentina*

As well known to all the members and to particularly the American countries, the 1<sup>st</sup> PAN AM GAMES was scheduled to be held in Peru in the forthcoming November this year and it was announced through the ITF website as well.

But the Argentina Taekwon-Do Federation suggested to the Pan Am Taekwon-Do Council(PTC) under the leadership of Master Phap Lu to move the venue for the said Championships from Peru to Argentina due to the certain reasons.

Taking their suggestion into the consideration, the PTC decided to accept it and requested ITF to make their suggestion realize.

Through this opportunity, ITF would like to inform all the NGBs in American region that the 1<sup>st</sup> PAN AM GAMES will be hosted in Argentina in the coming November 2004.

**Please keep in touch with Master Phap Lu at his e-mail;  
[phaplu@rogers.com](mailto:phaplu@rogers.com) and Master Palmisano at his e-mail;  
[palmisano@ciudad.com.ar](mailto:palmisano@ciudad.com.ar) for the further information.**

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### *The 1<sup>st</sup> International Martial-Art Games and GAISF*

The Director General of GAISF Mr. Jean Claude Schupp, on behalf of GAISF, sent the letter of sanction for 1<sup>st</sup> International Martial-Art Games(IMG) to be held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004 to Mr. Chang Ung, IMGC President and ITF President, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2004.

Furthermore, he wished in the letter that the 1<sup>st</sup> IMG would have the great successes and contribute to the harmonious development of all martial-arts the world over as well as to the building of more peaceful world in keeping with our common desire through its prestigious festival.

This shows everybody that the 1<sup>st</sup> IMG would be to take place as the first-official-event of International Sports and Martial Arts fields in its kind under the patronage of GAISF, the Governing Body for all Sports Federation in this planet, and this gives the unprecedented impulse to the Taekwon-Do practitioners to go ahead of others for the success of this festival.

**Should you need more updated feedbacks for this, please feel free to  
contact the Organizing Committee of this festival at the e-mail;  
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