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NEWSLETTER

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The 7th JUNIOR & 2nd VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BROUGHT THE GREAT SUCCESS

As well known to the world, the above Championships were successfully held in Sofia, Bulgaria from 25th to 30th July 2006.

It was really great event to draw the attractions and interests from all the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters over the world as the top festival of ITF and brought the mammoth outcomes in having ITF more famous and professional.

Through these events, ITF has fully demonstrated its power and might to the world.

More than 800 competitors from 67 countries were gathered in these events and they deepened the friendships and solidarity between themselves during the Championships and tremendously contributed to making ITF stronger and firmer united.

In the period of the Championships, the 16th ITF Congress took place on 28th July and the Umpire Course was also taken for the update of the Umpires on 23-24 July just before the Championships.

A HUGE PROGRESS FOR THE SOLUTION OF TAEKWON-DO ISSUE

The ITF has recently taken the big steps to solve the “Taekwon-Do Issue” on the Olympic stage in accordance with the interests and requirements of all the Taekwon-Do practitioners worldwide and also brought the promising future to the development of IMGC.

As you might be aware, Dr, Jacques ROGGE, the IOC President, sat together with both Presidents of ITF and WTF twice in his office room in the period of last September this year and reached the agreements with the Presidents of ITF and WTF to bring the rapid and fair solutions to the Taekwon-Do matter.

The first visit to IOC President by Prof. CHANG Ung, the ITF President, has been made on 5th Sep. and the IOC President proposed, at that time, to hold the second Joint Meeting which includes IOC, ITF and WTF in IOC HQ on 20th Sep.



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As well known to the world, the official talks between ITF and WTF started soon after having declared to the world the outcome of the 1st Joint Meeting between ITF and WTF, chaired by IOC President, which was held in IOC HQ on 3rd Jun. 2005. It was initiated by IOC President as well.

Consequently, the historic 2nd Joint Meeting between ITF and WTF took place in the IOC President's office room on 20th Sep. under the supervision of Dr. Jacques ROGGE himself.

At the meeting, the Presidents of ITF and WTF agreed with the suggestion made by the IOC President to facilitate the talk for the smooth integration of two bodies.

Mr. RI Yong Son, the ITF Executive Director General, was accompanied by ITF President at this historical talk and Mr. Dong-Hoo MOON, the WTF Secretary General, accompanied by WTF President.

EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMGC

Prof. CHANG Ung held a very productive talk with the Acting President of GAISF to establish the better terms and conditions for the solution of all kinds of Martial-Art disciplines existing in this planet in Salzburg, Austria on 18th Sep. this year.

The both Presidents exchanged the deep and profound views and opinions upon the development of Martial-Art and reasonable solution of the matters arising from the martial arts fields.

The important thing in the talk between the 2 Presidents was that the GAISF would be to study and seek the way to support the activities of IMGC in the future.

At this talk, Mr. RI Yong Son, the ITF Executive Director General, was accompanied by ITF President.

THE 21st ADULT & 12th JUNIOR AETF CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE HELD

The 21st Adult & 12th Junior AETF Championships were held in Thessaloniki, Greece from 29th Sep. to 1st Oct. this year.

The AETF, the one of the strongest Continental Federation in ITF, organizes these events every year.

This year, it had over 600 competitors from 36 countries in Europe in attendance and resulted in becoming the ITF Taekwon-Do more popular and best martial art in the region of Europe.

Everyone could see the unity and solidarity among the members of AETF through their Congress held on 28th Sep. 2006.

WARM WELCOME TO AETF FOR ITS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO ITF !



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THE 2nd IMG TOUCHED THE WORLD

As well known to the world, the 2nd International Martial Arts Games were successfully held in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea, from 22nd to 29th August this year.

More than 600 athletes from 9 International Martial-Art Federations like Taekwon-Do, Kick-Boxing, Pankration and Muay Thai attended this event and shared the friendships and fellowships among themselves as well as showed their skills and abilities experienced throughout the daily training.

In one word, it was a great opportunity to fully demonstrate the power and might of Martial-Art to this globe in keeping with its mission and purpose for building the world more peacefully and harmoniously.

All the participants really enjoyed this event and there were as well lots of colorful events during the 2nd IMG.

In the period of the events, the IMGC Congress took place and the major decisions for the better future of IMGC were made.

At the Congress, **Prof. Chang Ung**, the IOC Member and ITF President, was elected as the **Honorary President of IMGC** and **Mr. Jong Jae Hun**, the former IMGC Secretary General, elected as the **President of IMGC** and **Senator Mac Harb**, the former Chairman of IMGC elected as the **Senior Vice President of IMGC**.

THE 3rd ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKE PLACE

The 3rd Asian Championships will take place in New Delhi from 9th to 14th Nov. this year.

It will definitely be conducive to bring ITF Taekwon-Do up in a short time in the region of Asia.

As everybody knows well, most of Martial-Art disciplines were originated from Asian Continent and, therefore, it is very important for ITF to promote and spread the ITF Taekwon-Do swiftly to the every corner of Asia.

The entire members of our family anticipate the due success of the 3rd Asian Championships and wish the organizers and volunteers best of luck for your jobs.



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FOR THE ITF ACTIVITIES OF 2007

Through this opportunity, all the Presidents of NGB under ITF are cordially advised to submit your Yearly Plan for 2007 to ITF HQ for getting your programs included in the ITF Activities for 2007 by 30th Nov. 2006.

ITF HQ will not be responsible for any omission of your program from ITF Activities for 2007 due to your commitments.
