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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-New Year Message

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Dear all ITF Senior Grand Masters, Grand Masters, Senior Masters, Masters and Instructors,

Dear all ITF Taekwon-Do students and practitioners,

Dear all ITF family members

Dear colleagues and friends

Ladies and gentlemen

The historical year 2014 is bidding now deeply engraved upon its mind of great achievements that we gained altogether through the whole period of the year. The ratification of long lasted Protocol of Accord between ITF and WTF under the presence of IOC President

made great international echoes thus consolidating our status conducive to the bright future of ITF in the framework of Olympic Movement. The obviously known conclusion of long lingering court litigations brought itself positive contributions to the consolidation of our unity along with important ITF events such as World and Continental Taekwon-Do Championships, especially Dushanbe event the culmination of which was 24th ITF Congress crowned with resounding success.

All these premises are offering us a new spring platform to step into the New Year 2015 which coincides with 60th anniversary of Taekwon-Do nomination by our beloved Founder General Choi Hong Hi. We are to revitalize our works with relevant international more organizations such as IOC the new decisions of which at the 127th IOC Session will be of such importance we are to resort to for the immediate formulation and application of ITF policy giving strong impetus for the hosting of 19th Pyongyang ITF World Taekwon-Do Championship and 25th ITF Congress with resounding success while paying constant attention to successful carrying-out of Protocol of Accord with World Taekwon-Do Federation on one hand and on the other hand to providing strong infrastructures of main NGBs.

Words are missing to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for everything you have done for the promotion of our ITF through this whole year period which deeply moved my mind.

At this important of calendar's crossroad, I would like to conclude my humble speech wishing to all of you good health, happiness and more prosperity in your responsible work and in the bosom of your families.

With best regards, I remain Sincerely yours

Prof. CHANG Ung, Ph. D.

ITF President IOC Member

-"TAEKWON-DO REMEMBERANCE PERIOD"

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TO: ALL ITF FAMILY MEMBERS

FROM: ITF HQ

DATE: 9TH MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: TAEKWON-DO DAYS

Today, as President of ITF, I am writing to inform you about an important project that HQ would like to launch under the name "Taekwon-Do Remembrance Period" which will take place for the first time in our history from 22nd March to 11th April respectively in reference to the years 1955 & 1966 that our beloved General Choi Hong Hi deeply marked in our mind to honor the image and dignity of Taekwon-Do & ITF across the world.

The target of this project is to provide a platform for expression and promotion of multifaceted aspects of Taekwon-Do as a tool for displaying its 5 tenets whose effectiveness on the ground is peculiar that all of us witnessed countless times.

All kinds of events to start with Seminars, Colloquies, Courses, Meeting with Seniors, Thesis & Academic Forum and Demonstrations so on, will bring together all concrete initiatives worldwide to glorify our past imperishable exploits.

I therefore sincerely hope all Taekwon-Do family members will be interested in and show support to this initiative.

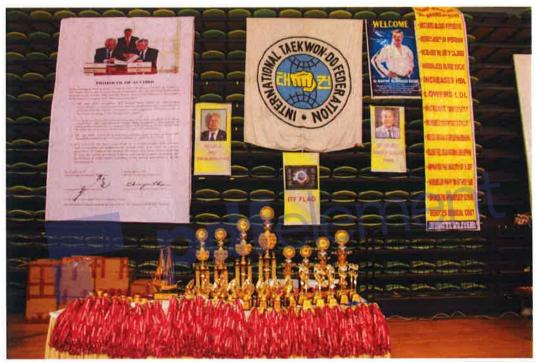
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Prof. Dr. Chang UNG

ITF President IOC Member

2. ITF CHAMPIONSHIPS & TOURNAMENTS

-26th Delhi State Junior-Senior & 10th Sub-Junior ITF Taekwon-do Championships concluded successfully at Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi from 04th to 07th Dec 2014. The Championships witnessed a participation of 7602 students from 152 Schools and 48 clubs of Delhi & National Capital Region and honoured by the presence of many Government Officials, Political figures and so on.





OFFICIALS OF 26TH DELHI STATE JUNIOR & SENIOR AND 10TH SUB-JUNIOR ITF TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP

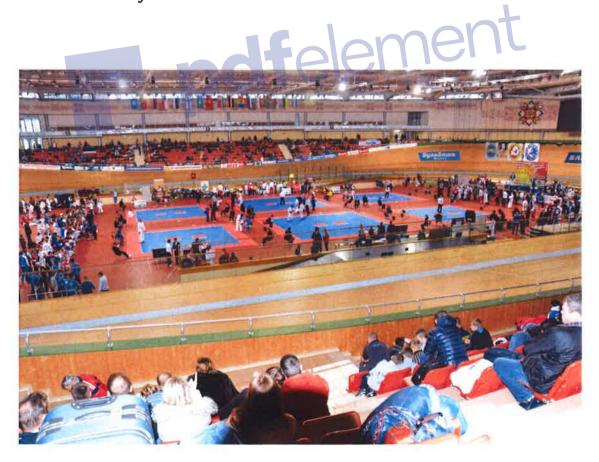
- The 1st edition of Taekwon-Do World Cup was concluded with success in Minsk, Capital City of Belarus.

The event was held from 5th to7th December 2014 under the participation of 1400 competitors, coaches and guests from 13 countries to start with Belarus, Armenia, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Kyrkhizstan, Latvia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

All competitions disciplines Tul, Sparrings were carried out in strict compliance with ITF Tournaments Rules.

All competitors displayed once again their highly qualified Taekwon-Do Techniques and skills proper to the height of Taekwon-Do World Cup.

"The Cup" held in "Minsk Arena" covered Sport Hall was highly appreciated by all the participants, especially by H.E. Minister of Sport & Culture Ministry of Belarus Republic who promised to host "The Cup" every year under total sponsorship and support of the Ministry.



-5thDubai ITF Taekwon-Do Championship was held on 6thDecember, under the patronage of Dubai Sports Council. Championship was a huge success. Over 250 participants from several nationalities participated in individual patterns, team patterns and sparring. Parents were really supportive in the Championship. Overall it was a cheerful event. The same event will be held again in April 2015 and in November 2015.









- 2nd Prof. PhD. Dr. Chang Ung Cup 26th- Dec-2014 Kabul Afghanistan

On December- 2014 for the second time the 2nd Prof. PhD. Dr. Chang Ung Cup was held at the All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association ITF H.Q.

120 Junior and Senior Participated in the Championships.

1st Place: Asia ITF TKD Dojang

2nd Place: Academy of ITF TKD Players 3rd Place: Paiwand ITF TKD Dojang

All Winners, Coaches and Officials were awarded medals and certificates the winner of 2nd Prof. PhD. Dr. Chang Ung Cup 26th- Dec-2014 was Asia ITF TKD Dojang.









- Nepal ITF 14th senior national ITF Taekwon-Do Championship concluded with the grand success at Banepa, Kavre on 30-31-February 2015.All together 105 players were selected from 5 development regions including Nepal Army team and Nepal Armed Police force team. Nepal Armed Police force team was declared as overall team champion and first runner up respectively whose players were awarded as the best players for their amazing performance.

Member Secretary of National Sports Council Yubaraj lama was invited as the chief guest for the opening ceremony and for the closing ceremony. Many parents, sports lovers, respected and distinguished personalities keenly attended the event. Medals, trophies and certificates were awarded to the winners by parliament member Kanchan Chandra Bade. The players selected from this national championship will stay in special training camp as a national team under the National Sports Council for the 7th national games organized by National Sports Council as well as for ITF International championship in 2015. The 14th senior ITF TKD national Championship was organized by Kavre District ITF TKD Association.





· Taekwon-Do Youth and Juniors Tournament 2015

Saturday, March 21 organized Taekwon-Do International Netherlands the Youth and Juniors Tournament. With 126 participants, the tournament was well attended. The tournament was opened by our President Master Paul Dekker. During the opening Master Paul Dekker in honor of the 60th anniversary of Taekwon-Do awarded a jubilee souvenir for all referees, participants and volunteers. It is a beautiful souvenir medal so the day started well for everyone because everyone already had a "price".



Taekwon-Do international Nederland

The tournament was sporty and the parts that could be fought for medals were Teamtul, Tul individually and sparring. Nice to see that we have a lot of talent in our youth and junior members because the youth is the future.

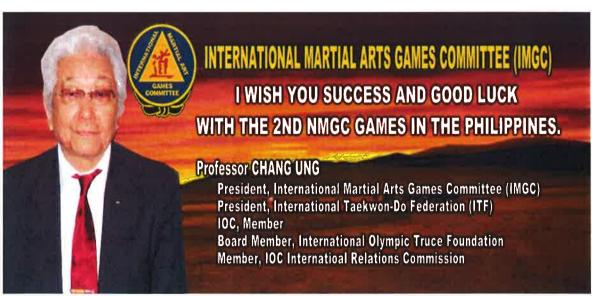
The organization was well done. According to schedule, we started at 10 and 17:30 the tournament ended. The prices were definitely worth what the participants further urged to win.

3. IMGC EVENTS

-2nd NMGC GAMES was held in Philippines

The 2nd NMGC GAMES organized by the IJF(International Jendo Federation), member federation of IMGC, was held successfully on Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2015 at Ayala Pavilion Mall in the City of Biñan, Laguna Province with more than 800 participants from Arnis, Jendo, General Karate(Olympic Karate), Traditional Karate, Taekwon-Do and Sikaran. The event was hosted by the Philippine Karate-Do League with the support of IJF and NMGC Philippines member organization. The congratulation message was sent to this Games from Prof. Chang Ung, President of International Martial Arts Games Committee (IMGC), President of International Taekwon-Do Federation(ITF) and member of IOC

IMGC President - PROF. CHANG UNG'S MESSAGE



ARNIS COMPETITION



- WUTA international tournament was held

According to the news from WUTA, its international tournament organized by WUTA (World Union Toa Association), member federation of IMGC, was held in VORONEZH- Russia from Nov. 30th to Dec. 1st of 2014. Players from seven countries such as Iran, Russia, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Cameron, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan were participated.

4. NGBS ACTIVITIES

- ANNUAL REPORT - ITF MALAYSIA YEAR 2014 ACTIVITIES

ITF Malaysia held a numbers of its national activities for its members in the year 2014.

The Annual National Championships was held on 12 – 14 December at the International College KBU Selangor. There was a grand gala dinner on the evening of 12 December. This championships was endorsed by the Ministry Of Youth & Sports Malaysia and was officially graced by the Chief Secretary General of this Ministry, YB. Dato Jamil Salleh. Some over 350 participants and officials were involved in this event.

A Technical Seminar was held on 6-7 June in the city of Melaka for over 60 members from a different organization who joined ITF Malaysia.

On 15-17 August the National Umpire Seminar was held in city of Melaka attended by over 60 members from the southern peninsula of Malaysia. There was a few instructors from ITF Singapore participated.

Following this seminar, the Melaka Taekwon-Do Invitational Championships was successfully held with over 400 participants on 22-24 August. This event was endorsed by the State Education Department and the State Sports & Youth Department.

The second National Umpire Seminar was held in city of Ipoh Perak for the northern peninsula of Malaysia attended by over 40 members on 12-14 September.

There were also numerous activities such as the National Junior School Championships, the State Charity and Camp, State Junior Belt Championshps and Seminars, hosted by the states affiliates of ITF Malaysia during the year 2014.

: NationalChampionships









: National Umpire Course





: National Technical Seminar





- XIIth F.I.T.E. NATIONAL CONGRESS 2015

Navaconcejo city belonging to the province of Cáceres, is another of the natural paradises of the national territory, for many unknown until last weekend. A place recognized by the fame of its olive trees, cherry trees, chestnut trees and vines, which now also will reference the TaeKwon-Do ITF.

The twelfth National Congress of the International TaeKwon-Do Federation Spain "F.I.T.E." was organized together with the Extremadura TaeKwon-Do Association. during weekend of February 6th, 7th & 8th. For the occasion the chosen guest was the Grand Master Kim Ung Chol 9th Dan, Tournament Comitee Director of the ITF, with a wide teaching experience touring and training instructors around the world.

The first session was exclusive for children aged 5 to 11 years **During** two hours training children could enjoy the wisdom of the great master in continuous interaction. alternating the basic techniques and sparring exercises. After instruction were given deserved diplomas of attendance. immortalizing the time different snapshots.

The Saturday morning took place the official inauguration, which was presented plaque of appreciation to General Director of Sports of the Extremadura of Antonio Pedrera Leo, for their unconditional support to the organization of the project. The Mayor, for his part, opened the doors of the city expressing from the autonomous body of sports will be open to continue in the same line of sponsorship.

Already entered in the field, more of fifty participants, decked out with appropriate protections, they worked intensely different combinations to be applied to displacement, sparring; explosiveness, to be at the height of any opponent. It is noteworthy that the **Grand Master Kim is the current** trainer of the Bulgarian team, one of the most successful of the continent in different categories.

After a short break to recharge, the afternoon session began with self-defense, where simplicity and efficiency attracted trainees in each show. The third stage on Saturday complete with the execution of the forms (Tul), from the

correction more basic to work close to the high degrees.

To end the day the organization focused on the Gala dinner to pay tribute to the senior grand master, where about 30 people gathered at an evening where reigned Fellowship. Before concluding the dinner were the following plaques of recognition:

- * To the Andalucian TaeKwon-Do Asociación as the delegation of increased growth during the 2014 season.
- * To Mr. Alejandro Veyssiere national coach for his work at the head of the national team during the 2014 season.
- * At the second national Coach Mr. Francisco Espeche for his work with the national team during the 2014 season.
- * To the Extremadura TaeKwon-Do Association and its President Mr. Juan A. Perez as organizer of the 12th National F.I.T.E. Congress.
- * To Senior Grand Master Kim Ung Chol in thanks to his teachings during the 12th National Congress of the F.I.T.E.

In Sunday session, black belts faced the last stage of technical work with forms (tul). After four hours of training was closed the Congress but not fail to thank the participation and effort of those who moved from different points: Tenerife, Madrid, Marbella, Estepona, Valencia, Zaragoza, Galicia, Extremadura,

Algeciras, Portugal and Argentina.

New F.I.T.E. international instructors.

with Reunited attention surrounding the Senior Grand Master Kim Ung Chol, applicants to the category of international Instructor, received information that would lead them to an understanding of the processes required to access that level; where is not only the practical part involved. A path to the deeper foundations of art, a great review of the path to follow. where to as instructors. their role as trainers, as parents of a family called TaeKwon-Do, where the children should grow up with respect, valuing the hierarchy and being humble receptors of daily tips. Where student oath and tenets Taekwon-Do are not just words. Where is the moral culture fundamental to the Instructor that transmits the best inside more than race, religion or political ideology.

- * Antonio Blanco
- * Sergio Maneiro
- * Ramon Lema





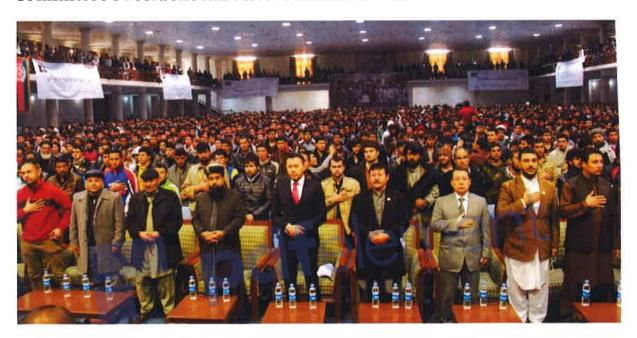








- AANTA Demonstration Team presented ITF TKD demonstration among thousands of people on 27-02-2015. Afghanistan National Olympic Committee organized a ceremony to congratulate national, international, Asian and World Champions who achieved Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals for Nation. Afghanistan ITF Taekwon-Do Champions, under Presidency of H.E Mr. Hed Mohammad Shirzai, Founder & President of All Afghanistan National Taekwon-Do Association ITF were awarded Certificates by Afghanistan National Olympic Committee President H.E Mr. Mohammad Fahim Hashimi.





5. SEMINARS & COURSES

-SGM. Prof. HWANG HO YONG, ITF SVP IN ROMANIA











-SM. YEO at Pre-University in Sweden

A Contribution to the Society

Expresses the desire to contribute in a meaningful manner to society.

In recent time, I guest lecturer on TaeKwon-Do history (In theories) at the Athletic pre-University (TaeKwon-Do Gymnasiet) in Malmö, on the Thursday 22nd January to contribute my TaeKwon-Do knowledge to the society.

"Taekwon-Do Gymnasiet" is part of the school program at the pre-University "Borgar Gymnasiet" in Malmö. It is approved by the Swedish Ministry of Education, it gives combination of study and training, the aim is to be able to develop an individually sport.

A student admitted to this course has the right to 400 secondary points (200 points Individual choice and 200 points Advancement program)





-SGM. Prof. KIM UNG CHOL, ITF Tournament Standing Committee Chair IN MACEDONIA



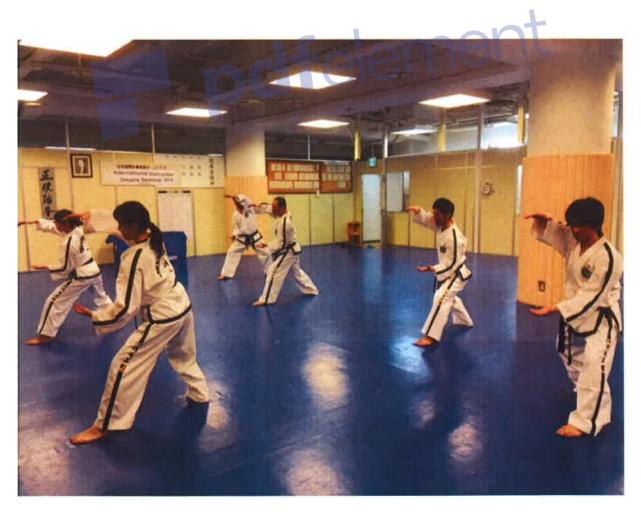
-IIC, ITS, IUC successfully concluded in Tokyo, Japan.

IIC, ITS and IUC were successfully conducted by GM. Hwang Jin assisted by instructors Hwang Su II and Kim II Kuk respectively for ITS and IUC on 7^{th} and 8^{th} March 2015.

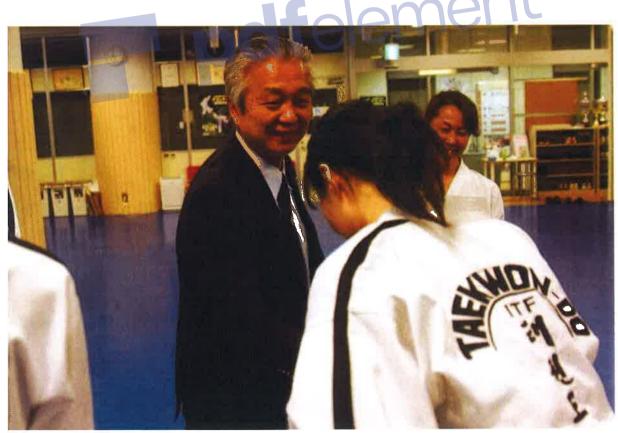












-SGM. Prof. HWANG HO YONG, ITF SVP IN CYPRUS.









6. DISTINCTION

In recognition of the work of diffusion of Taekwon-Do as a form of life and as an important support to the moral culture of the citizens, the government of the city of Frias Alcalde Arq conferred a Distinction Award to Senior Master Osvaldo Rios Oliveros and instructors Facundo Rios Olivero VI Degree, Matias Rios Olivero IV Degree and Luis Pavon III Degree.



7. New Venue of 19TH ITF World Taekwon-Do Championship

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TO: All ITF SENIOR GRAND MASTERS, GRAND MASTERS, SENIOR MASTERS, MASTERS & INSTRUCTORS, ALL ITF NGBS PRESIDENTS, ALL ITF FAMILY MEMBERS

FROM: ITF HQs

DATE: 9TH MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear all ITF Senior Garand masters, Grand masters, Senior Masters, Masters and Instructors,

Dear all ITF NGBS Presidents, Dear all ITF family members,

As President of ITF, I would like to personally thank all of you for having supported my initiative as well as the decision of postal voting of ITF Executive Board meeting took place on 22nd and 23rd January 2015 to comply with emergency case for shifting the venue place of 19th ITF World Taekwon-Do Championship from Pyongyang, DPR of Korea to Plovdiv City, Republic of Bulgaria on one hand and on the other hand for spurring on the preparation for the coming event.

My special thanks go to M. Mario Bogdanov, BTF President and ITF EB Member as well as to all staff members of BTF Organizing Committee putting forth shoots for an armful figure work for its resounding successful preparations.

I welcome all our dear and respectful Taekwon-Do family members to Plovdiv City, Bulgaria, famous with its historical and cultural heritage to be one of the oldest cities in Europe.

Your participation in the coming 19th ITF World Taekwon-Do Championship will be invaluable in promoting our martial arts authenticity thus honouring 60 years long history and tradition along with imperishable exploits accomplished by our beloved founder General Choi Hong Hi.

ITF HQs very much hope that all of you will take active part in the 19th Championship so as together, we glorify our 60 years old values as well as to work towards our common goal.

Once again, please allow me to welcome all of you to the Venue City of our event.

With best regards, I remain Sincerely yours Prof. Dr. Chang UNG ITF President IOC Member







Truly yours in Taekwon-Do, MARIO BOGDANOV ITF EB member Vice President EITF President of the Bulgarian Taekwon-Do ITF Federation

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As Mayor of the oldest living city in Europe - Plovdiv, it is a great honor and pleasure to welcome you to our ancient and eternal city.



Plovdiv has long been known as the sport capital of Bulgaria. Many Olympic, World and European prizewinners have started their career in our city. In the last years the city has been holding ever higher and permanent position not only on the Bulgarian, but also on the international sport scene. In 2014 Plovdiv was nominated for European City of Sport.

It is a huge honor and pleasure for me and Municipality Plovdiv to be host of the 19th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championship for men and women. The fact that in the hall we will see champions and prize-winners from

European and World tournaments speaks for its prestige. We are also proud that among this constellation of great athletes, there also fighters from Plovdiv.

We wish all participants successful tournament and desired results, and to our guests – we hope you keep unforgetable memories from the Bulgarian hospitality.

Respectfully yours. Ivan Totev Mayor of Plovdiv Republic of Bulgaria