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On this auspicious day, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 we celebrate the Birthday of "Taekwon-Do".

However, we cannot celebrate the day without celebrating the Legend and Founder, General Choi Hong Hi and the early Pioneers who laboured tirelessly to build a superior and powerful martial arts.

In honouring our "Beloved Founder" it is our duty to keep the

vision and the dream alive. We must also continue to honor the founding principles of Moral Culture and the Philosophy upon which Taekwon-Do was founded.

We can't honour the past of Taekwon-Do and leave out the Present leaders that carry on the diligent work .

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### TRAVELLERS CORNER-

Featuring Jamaica

On the passing of General Choi, the baton of succession was passed to the Honorary Past President Professor Dr. Chang Ung and then to our current President Master Professor Ri Yong Son. Both Presidents have done a remarkable job in keeping the vision and dream alive and also building on it.

Today as we celebrate the Birthday of Taekwon-Do lets honour General Choi our Master architect and all who have helped to build and keep our noble ART alive. In Quoting our



**Our Motto** - "Pain is the best instructor, but no one wants to go to his class. To help others to develop and succeed in life is a reward itself and only has value when nothing is expected in return. Refrain from reckless and thoughtless actions. Be as calm and judicious as a mountain".

- General Choi Hong Hi

Founders words...."Therefore, what we can do to leave behind something for the welfare of mankind is perhaps the most important thing in our lives. Here I leave Taekwon-Do for mankind as a trace of man of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century"

- contributed by Wayne Smith

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01

Sabum Smith and Master Arnold at Congress In Bulgaria.

02

Victorious Jamaican Team with GM Oliveros, Gm Villanueva, Gm Bonilla and Gm Mitchell

03

Master Arnold teaching Caribbean instructors

04

Grenada Taekwon-Do Academy.



On June 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, ITF Taekwon-Do Jamaica was registered with the Original ITF. Locally it was registered as ITF Tong-iL Do Jamaica as the local Taekwon-Do bodies wouldn't allow us to use the word "Taekwon-Do". Our Instructor, Sabum Wayne Smith pressed forward employing the Moral Culture and Tenets of Taekwon-Do as his guiding principle and insisted that we follow the same path.

Sabum Smith saw the parallel between his struggles to build Jamaica and the Caribbean as similar to those of our "Beloved Founder".

Sabum Smith teaches the 'DO'- the right way of Life, before the physicals of Taekwon-Do. This is because he believes character development is the cornerstone for a better and peaceful world. Our NGB flourished because of this feature, as parents looked for opportunities and activities that developed their children holistically. Taekwon-Do then became the best choice.

We surpassed many miles stones in 2019 with the assistance, training and guidance of Master Arnold. For many years Master Arnold was the 'Lone Soldier' for the Caribbean, but in 2019 we became visible with appearances at the Pan Am Games in Ocala, Florida and a few months later at the World Championships in Bulgaria.



With Master Steaventon Arnold by our side, the journey became easier and very soon our technical level improved. The collaboration of Master Arnold and Sabum Smith soon proved very fruitful. Within the span of three years Sabum Smith delivered the Antigua NGB to the Original ITF and Master Arnold delivered Trinidad and Tobago NGB.

The fire has also been rekindled in Grenada as instructors are preparing to put their strong contribution forward to make their mark in the Caribbeans development.

The fire never died for Haiti and Puerto Rico they have grown from strength to strength. The combination of the Spanish, French and English speaking Caribbean will be an awesome force to recon with in the coming future.

Exciting Times are ahead, keep your eyes on the Caribbean.

- Alex Whyte 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan



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## FEATURING JAMAICA

**01**

Reggae Falls in St.Thomas, Jamaica

**02**

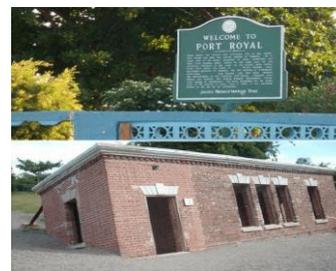
Negril Beach-Seven Miles of White Sand and Agua Sea.

**03**

Green Grotto Caves for the Explorer at heart.

**04**

The Giddy House in Port Royal. Built in 1880, was originally a Royal Artillery house. It partially sank in the 1907 earthquake.



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**NB.** Other NGBs to included upon consent.