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NEWSLETTER

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- MR. CHANG UNG, THE ITF PRESIDENT, WAS RECEIVED BY DR. WOLFGANG SCHÜSSEL, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

The ITF President Mr. Chang Ung was received by Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, the Chancellor of the Republic of Austria on 10th of December 2003.

At the meeting, Mr Chang Ung has offered his thanks to the Chancellor for his great support to ITF in the past tens of years and shared the plenty of views not only on the promotion of Taekwon-Do and other sports activities in Austria but on the development of ITF in the worldwide.

The Chancellor expressed his continuous support and concern to the work of the Headquarters of ITF located in Vienna, the capital city of Austria.

- ITF PRESIDENT HAD A MEETING WITH IOC PRESIDENT

Mr. Chang Ung, the ITF President, met with Dr. Jacques ROGGE, the IOC President and had the confidential and fruitful talk with him for the complete solution and future of Taekwon-Do at the office room of IOC President in Lausanne, Switzerland on 30th of January 2004. The IOC President promised the ITF President he would continue to co-operate and work together with Mr. Chang Ung in the future with regard to the issue of Taekwon-Do in IOC.

- INFORMATION OF THE MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Article 24. 3, Chapter 4 of ITF Constitution adopted at the 14th ITF Congress held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 12th of June 2003, the meeting of Executive Committee took place at the ITF Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 21st of February 2004.

At the meeting, the urgent and meaningful issues for the strengthening and development of ITF as the International Organization were discussed and unanimously approved by the EC members. (See ITF website)

- CONVOCATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS IN MALAYSIA

According to the decision of the meeting of Executive Committee, ITF HQ would like to inform you of the convocation of the Extraordinary Congress in Malaysia on 26th of July 2004 during the 6th Junior and 1st Veteran World Championships.

The NGBs are kindly requested to notify ITF HQ of the participating confirmation to this Congress as well as the name and title of the Representatives from your country not later than May 30, 2004.

The letter of invitation along with agenda for the Congress will be sent to you immediately.

- INFORMATION ON THE TORNAMENT AND UMPIRE RULES AND DOBOK FOR THE 6TH JUNIOR AND 1ST VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The historical event, the 1st Veteran ITF World Championships will ever firstly be held in Malaysia from 26th to 30th of July this year together with the 6th Junior ITF World Championships.

This curious and magnificent event will attract more spectators to this Championships, as well as the Taekwon-Do lovers in the world and ITF will be recognized as the one of the popular sports and martial-art for promoting the health of the peoples and building more peaceful society.

Through this opportunity, the ITF HQ would like to inform you of the most important things for the Championships.

- 1. The Executive Committee decided to apply for the new Tournament Rules, Veteran Tournament Rules and Umpire Rules from the 6th Junior and 1st Veteran World Championships to be held in Malaysia from 26th to 30th July 2004. The new rules have already been on the ITF website (www.internationaltaekwondo-federation.com) and you are kindly invited to visit the ITF website for these rules.**
- 2. Pursuant to the decision made at the meeting of Executive Committee, the competitors are kindly requested to wear the new designed Dobok from the 6th Junior and 1st Veteran World Championships to be held in Malaysia from 26th to 30th July 2004. For this, the NGBs should contact Grand Master Leong Wai Meng at his address in Australia; Tel/Fax, +61 3 9846 5782, Mobile, +61 410 669 488 and in Greenland; Tel, +299 813865, Fax, +299 813850, Mobile, +299 542133**

The ITF HQ sincerely looks forward to avoiding any confusion for this among our members.

- INFORMATION ON THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 19th Senior and 10th Junior European Championships will take place in Sofia, the Capital City of Bulgaria, from 7th to 9th of May 2004.

During this Championships, the AETF Congress will be held.

You are kindly requested to contact Master Georgios Stylianides, the AETF President, and Mr. Mario Bogdanov, the President of the Organizing Committee of this event for more details if required.

- THE 1ST IMGC GAMES TO BE HELD

The 1st International Martial Arts Games under the patronage of the International Martial-Art Games Committee (IMGC) will be held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea in September this year. At present, the Organizing Committee of this Games tries its utmost for the success of this Games.

This will be the first gathering in the history of Martial-Arts like Karate-Do, Aikido, etc. in the world and contribute to bring the friendship, solidarity, unity and harmony among the Martial Artists.

ITF HQ hope Taekwon-Do would go ahead of others for making the dreams of Martial Artists come true and encourage all the Martial Arts Organizations in your country to take part in the wonderful Games.

You can contact Mr. Jong Jae Hun, the Secretary General IMGC at his Fax; +850 2 3814410, 3814416 or e-mail; imgc@silibank.com for this event.

- AMAZING AND IDEAL TRAINING AT THE TAEKWON-DO HOLY PLACE IN RAJIN-SONBONG, DPR KOREA

As well known to the world, the desire of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of TKD and First President of ITF, was to build the training centre for developing and promoting the original techniques of TKD at his native place.

During his lifetime, he initiated this project with the some pioneers of TKD and requested the Government of DPRK to realize his dream.

Today, thanks to the deep attention and care of the Government of DPRK, his dream came true and the training complex was built as the holy place of authentic Taekwon-Do in Rajin-Sonbong, DPR Korea.

It is surrounded by the mountains with deep and lush forests and has the beautiful ocean in front and you are able to enjoy the training and sea bathing and learn about history of TKD profoundly through the Taekwon-Do Museum.

ITF HQ would like to advise you not to miss this golden chance for the mental and physical training in the motherland of TKD.

For this, please contact the Korean TKD Committee at the Fax; +850 2 3814539, 3814410 or e-mail; imgc@silibank.com
