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NEWSLETTER

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The 15th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championship Brought the Great Successes

The above mentioned Championship has taken place in Bled, Slovenia from 24th to 29th April this year with more than 1000 participants from 72 countries over the world. It was really historical gathering for all the ITF members including the best athletes and coaches and, consequently, remained as the most successful and memorable Championship in the hearts of all the Taekwon-Do brothers and sisters throughout this globe.

In the period of the Championship, the participants fully showed their firm solidarity and deepened the friendships and fellowships among themselves as well as fully demonstrated their skills and abilities.

We, the ITF, would like to take this opportunity once again to present our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the participants including a plenty of volunteers who have devoted themselves to the success of this event.

During the Championship, ITF held its 17th Congress meeting on 27th April. The hundreds of attendants from 72 countries expressed their absolute and constant supports to the discussions and decisions made at the Congress. There were the new elections for the ITF Leaderships including the members of Executive Board for another term of 4 years.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE COUNTRIES DPR KOREA, TAJIKISTAN AND CZECH REPUBLIC FOR THEIR EXCELLENT RESULTS AT THE COMPETITIONS !

Information on the 2nd Session of the "Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration"

The 2nd Session of the “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” was held in Beijing, China on 18-19 June 2007.

Mr. RYU Song-Il, the Co-chairman of this Committee representing ITF, led the ITF Delegation and Mr. Dai-Soon LEE, the Co-chairman of this Committee representing WTF, was the head of the WTF Delegation at this meeting.

Both sides exchanged their views and attitudes to reach the rapid solutions for the future developments of Taekwon-Do worldwide including the Olympic stage through the running of this Committee.

Both sides exposed the diverse claims and insistences, during the talks, upon the sequences of discussing the technical aspects between Sparring and Pattern, and even on the power of this Committee whether to be the “Decision-Making Body” or not.

Both sides agreed to further study on it and to decide, later, the date and venue for the next Session through the communications.

At the end of the meeting, two sides released the Joint Communiqué.

Seminar to be Conducted by Masters

With the upgrade the technical standards among the practitioners, it is in fact that the Masters are, at present, required to conduct the technical and umpire seminars in many countries.

It is definitely of the great opportunity for ITF to update its members with the combined techniques and, therefore, ITF encourages the Masters to take the seminars in the countries, pursuant to the request of them.

However, the Masters should abide by the rules and regulations set by ITF for conducting the seminars to avoid any confusions and inconveniences.

In case of the International Seminar, it is very clearly mentioned in the ITF Constitution and By-Laws.

Even if it is private seminar or a Master is invited by the local school in a country, the conductor should contact the NGB first for approval and then, based on it, should get the permit from the ITF HQ before taking the seminar.

ITF anticipates all the Masters would respect and strictly follow the rules and regulations of ITF in the future with regards to conducting the seminars.

The 5th Year Memorial Service for late Gen. Choi Hong Hi Held

As having already informed to the members, the big ceremony for remembering late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do and 1st President of ITF & IMGC, took place in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, where his grave is located, on 15th June 2007 on the occasion of the 5th Year Anniversary since he passed away.

This ceremony was attended by the his family and relatives including Mrs. Choi Chun Hi, the widow of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, and hundred of peoples from some countries like China, UK, USA, South Africa, South Korea, Hong Kong, etc.

It has become more significant occasion because many IMGC delegates had first ever joined this event.

The participants paid the respect and tributes to late Gen. Choi Hong Hi before his grave and remembered him all the day through the schedules for looking around his remains exhibited in the Taekwon-Do Palace as well as watching the Taekwon-Do Demonstrations.

The party taken in Koryo Hotel on that evening adorned the whole programs of ceremonies with the great missing towards late Gen. Choi Hong Hi.
