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NEWSLETTER

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3-Party-Talk among IOC, ITF and WTF Was Held

June 3rd, 2005 - this day would be carved forever as the most significant and unforgettable day in the history of ITF.

On this day, the great important talks were held at IOC Conference Room between ITF and WTF.

This meeting was initiated and personally chaired by IOC President Dr. Jacques ROGGE. At the talks, the future relationships between two Federations, especially the major issues related to the forthcoming Olympic Games were discussed and all recommendations and agreements taken at the talks were very positive.

Celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of Founding "Taekwon-Do" Took Place throughout the World

As you were well aware, this year was precisely of a very great year to all Taekwon-Do family irrespective of its organization as "Taekwon-Do" celebrated the 50th anniversary of its BIRTHDAY.

On the occasion of this special day, we were all in extreme excitements and encouragements and enjoyed this outstanding celebration here and there amidst the deep yearning for late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do.

The biggest celebration took place in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, the motherland of Taekwon-Do, under the participation of hundreds of Taekwon-Do experts and lovers around the world.

We, ITF members, spent this memorable day with Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the first ITF President, and his family in every part of this planet with the firm determinations to fulfill our duties and obligations for making ITF best Martial Art in the world as the loyal disciples to the FATHER.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi will live forever with Taekwon-Do as well as with us.

The 2nd Memorial Cup Tournament for Gen. Choi Hong Hi Held With Success

The above event was successfully opened in Ottawa, Canada on May 14th, 2005 with more than 500 competitors in attendance from 6 countries.

The participation of the teams from Puerto Rico and Hong Kong made this event more significant and memorable one.

All the participants shared the friendships and solidarity among themselves and exchanged their techniques and experiences between them.

Through this event, we once again demonstrated and showed fully to the world our hearty respects and allegiances to Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

ITF would like to extend its warm <u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to all the Participants including Master Phap Lu, the organizer, and Master Benny Rivera!

The AETF Festival in Ireland

The 11^{th} junior & 20^{th} Senior TKD Championships of AETF was held in great success in Dublin, Ireland from 8^{th} to 10^{th} April this year.

This event is usually regarded as the biggest festival in Europe every year and it tremendous contributed to making ITF stronger and stronger.

Over 450 male and female elites from more than 25 countries gathered in Dublin and demonstrated their capacities and skills learned from the daily training and TKD activities.

On behalf of the entire TKD brothers and sisters, ITF presents its CONGRATULATIONS to AETF, organizers and the participants for their great successes and dedications. And the specific CONGRATULATIONS to Overall Winner Country RUSSIA!

During the Championships, the AETF Congress took place and all the issues were profoundly and comprehensively discussed and the decisions unanimously taken. The Championships was decorated, at its end, with the Big Celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Founding "Taekwon-Do".

The 14th World TKD Championships Await You

Next month, it would be very precious and lovely month to all the TKD practitioners and lovers as all of us will enjoy the 14th World TKD Championships. ITF will host this event, as scheduled, from 9th to 14th July 2005 in the beautiful Sunshine Coast, Australia under the fervent supports and great expectations from the entire members of ITF.

The Organizing Committee is now doing its utmost to make the participants happy and pleased as well as to make this event best one in the history of ITF.

Despite their tireless efforts, if the members are not in the position to assist and cooperate with them, it would stay at your imagination.

It is time for everybody to fulfill your duties and obligations, as the ITF members, to show the mighty, strength and unity of ITF to the world.

All the members, let's contribute to making our common goals come true in the near future through this event.

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA!

The New Tournament & Umpire Rules Be Introduced

The new Tournament & Umpire Rules were produced with CD Rom.

These rules will be applied from the next 7th Junior & 2nd Veteran World Championships to be held in Manila, Philippines in 2006.

These rules are to be introduced at the coming ITF Congress and will be on sales during the Championships with the cost of USD 30.00 per CD Rom.

It will be given only one CD Rom to each NGB with the above price.

If any NGB is not coming to Australia due to the unavoidable reasons, then you can order directly to ITF HQ but you should pay for it plus postage.

New Style Dobok and Condensed Encyclopedia

ITF HQ would like to inform you of the following points;

1. For the conveniences for the participants, the new ITF Dobok may be on the sale During the Championships.

Members can also purchase in large quantities for your friends and National Association at the Championship store.

Important Notice;

The competitors are allowed to enter the tournaments with both old Doboks and new Doboks at the coming Championships in Australia.

2. The new edition of the Condensed Encyclopedia would as well be on the sale during the World Championships.

Members can purchase in large quantities for your friends and National Association on the spot.

It will cost USD 120.00 per 1 Condensed Encyclopedia.