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IMGC

Speech of the Secretary General



Dear Friends!

I would like to convey my warm greetings to all IMGC member organizations, National Martial Art Games Committees, and Martial Arts enthusiasts along with sponsors, and I sincerely wish all of you and your family a happy life in good health as well as a great success in your endeavor to develop Martial Arts.

Last year, amid the growing public considerations about martial arts, we elected the new leadership of IMGC and extended its member ranks to cope with the demands of the developing global trend through its 11th Congress.

We also held the 9th IMG, ever first held 5 years after the global pandemic crisis, successfully to be noteworthy in the history, so as to achieve great success in further facilitating the martial arts development worldwide.

Following the path of its development, which was by no means smooth, we have apprehended a precious truth that our struggle of strengthening the martial arts movement will be ever victorious, only when we are strongly united and fully display the noble aspiration of all martial artists worldwide towards their lofty ideals.

We are facing an important task of demonstrating before the eyes of the world once again, the imposing status of the IMGC that has grown up as an authoritative International Martial Arts governing body by further activating the IMGC's work while proceeding the preparations of the successful 10th IMG based on our success gained last year.

I pledge myself, in my capacity of the Secretary General of the IMGC, to fulfil my responsibility and duty in the path to develop martial arts in close collaboration with all our friends-martial artists.

Let us be loyal to our mission and duty of the times in our honorable work to build a just and peaceful world by dint of martial arts with the ideal of "Friendship, Cooperation and Development".

Mr. Kim Myong Gun

Secretary General, International Martial Art Games Committee



THE IMGC EB MEETING

The IMGC EB meeting will be held in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea and the seat of the IMGC Secretariat in June 2025.

In the meeting, will be discussed many issues of vital importance for the enhancement and promotion of the IMGC to start with the selection of the venue of the 10th IMG.

As the meeting would be held concurrent with the commemoration for “The 70th Anniversary of the Naming of Taekwon-Do” by the ITF, the participants to the meeting may join its events and extend their sincere congratulations.

Activities with other Martial Arts Organizations

“The 7th International and Thai Martial Arts Games” will be held in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand from 18 to 22 May 2025.

Muay Boran, Muay Thai, Kickboxing, Boxing, Mixed Martial Art, Jeet Kune Do, Dap Thai Competitions will be held in the Games.

The IMGC accepted the official invitation of Mr. Chinawut Sirisompan, who took part in the 3rd IMG with his athletes and now working as a Chairman of the OC and President of World Muay Thai Organization, and decided to honor the Games by its presence.



News from Martial Arts Organizations

The Commemoration for “The 70th Anniversary of the Naming of Taekwon-Do”

The Commemoration for “The 70th Anniversary of the Naming of Taekwon-Do” will be held in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea and the sacred place of Taekwon-Do, from 12 to 19 June 2025.

The Commemoration will consist of various and colorful events such as special TKD course by well-known Grand Masters and instructors, training of sparring and pattern with World Champions of DPR Korea, TKD Forum on TKD history and technical development of TKD along with TKD demonstration involving TKDists of many countries as well as sightseeing over famous places of DPR Korea including Hwasong Street in Pyongyang, International Friendship Exhibition in Mt. Myohyang, Ryongmun Grand Cave, and artistic performance and friendship gathering.

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The 23rd Taekwon-Do World Championship



“The 23rd Taekwon-Do World Championship” will be held in Jesolo, Italy from 3 to 13 Oct. 2025.

Along with Pattern, Sparring, Power, Special Technique Competitions that were held traditionally, TKD Competition for Athletes with disabilities will be held inclusively in cooperation with the Italian Paralympic Committee.

It will serve as an important occasion to further enlarge the scope of Taekwon-Do by offering the athletes with disabilities the chances of competing in the Championship fit for their physical conditions.

During the Championship, there will be an Open Championship, for the first time, which is open to all belts and ages showcasing the spirit and inclusivity of Taekwon-Do.



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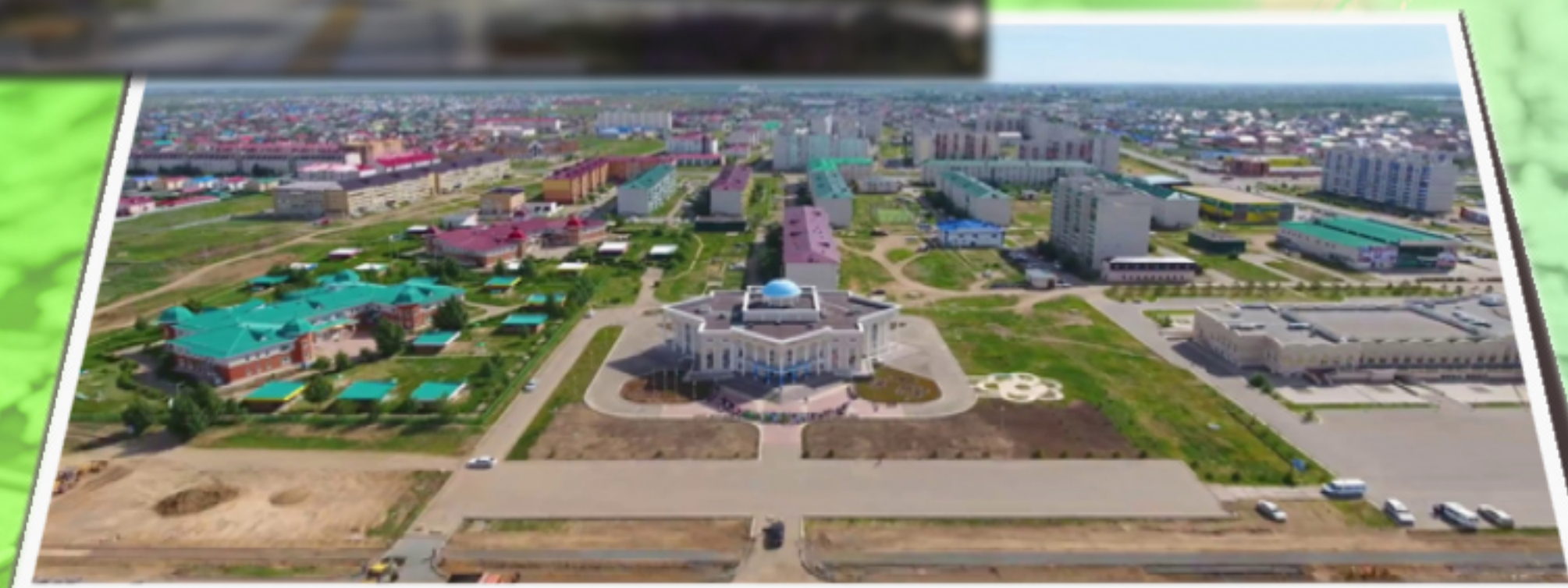
founded by Fritz Wendland



The 2nd Open WKC/FW Asian Championship for Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Asian Cup for Children

“The 2nd Open WKC/FW Asian Championship for Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Asian Cup for Children” will be held in Uralsk, Kazakhstan from 17 to 21 Apr. 2025.

By the invitation of the WKC/FW, Karate athletes of DPR Korea who took part in Karate championship held in the 9th IMG, will participate in the championship.



World Federation of Kowat Alrami and Self-Defence

Event Schedule of WFKA for 2025.

1. 14th Kowat Alrami World Cup
May, 2025 India
2. 8th Arab Cup & Championships
July, 2025 Lebanon
3. Professional WFKA-AFKA Titles
August, 2025 Lebanon
4. 3rd European Open Championship
September, 2025 Germany



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Event Schedule of IOMAF for 2025.

1. XFC European Championship
3rd - 9th April, 2025 Italy
2. World CUP
23rd - 27th April, 2025 Turkey
3. World Humanitarian Games
September, 2025 Russia
4. XFC World Championship
31st October - 3rd November, 2025 Italy



International Council of Sqay

Event Schedule of International Council of Sqay for 2025.

1. 6th Asian Sqay Championship
July, 2025 Iraq
2. International Sqay Championship
October, 2025 Russia



Indian National Martial Art Federation

“The 82nd National Taekwon-Do ITF Technical/ Theory Seminar” was held at “Thyagraj Stadium” in New Delhi from 7 to 8 Dec. 2024.

The Seminar in which over 1 000 students took part, was held in 3 batches-white to yellow stripe belt, yellow to green stripe belt and green to black belt.



“The 39th National Taekwon-Do ITF Championship 2024” was held at “Campal Indoors Stadium”, Goa from 27 to 29 Dec. 2024.

460 participants from 16 STATES of India took part in the event.

UAE National Martial Art Games Committee



The “12th Dubai Taekwon-Do ITF National Championship 2025” was held successfully on 15 Feb. 2025 at Manipal Academy of Higher Education Dubai Campus, International Academic City, Dubai under the patronage of Dubai Sports Council. Over 150 participants and more than 600 parents supporters from different EMIRATES of UAE took part in the Championship.



Introduction



Concept of Taekwon-Do and its Development

Taekwon-Do, a traditional martial art of Korea, is an unarmed combat designed for the purpose of self-defense. In other words, it is the scientific use of the body in the method of self-defense; a body that has gained the ultimate use of its facilities through intensive physical and mental training.

“Tae” stands for jumping or flying, to kick or smash with the foot. “Kwon” denotes the fist—chiefly to punch or destroy with the hand or fist. “Do” means to master the way of mental training and practice.

Taekwon-Do sets courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit as its tenets.



Taekwon-Do is composed of technical components of fundamental movements, patterns, training, and self-defense along with theoretical and dissemination systems of theory of power, principles and method of training, ranking system, student instructor relationship, competition, demonstration and so on.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi, former President of the ITF, developed Taekkyon which is permeated with the spirit and soul of the Korean coincide with the demands of the times, and named it Taekwon-Do on 11 Apr. 1955, so as to ensure its own progress.

In DPR Korea, the motherland of Taekwon-Do, it is recognized as an original martial art, and is enjoyed by everyone in disregard of gender and age. It is also disseminated to over 145 countries and regions in 5 continents of the world with more than 60 million practitioners.

2025 is a meaningful year that marks the 70th Anniversary of the Naming of Taekwon-Do.

The ITF is actively pushing ahead its preparatory work to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Naming of Taekwon-Do in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea and the sacred place of Taekwon-Do, in the upcoming June.



Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia

Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia, a martial art book that gives information about Taekwon-Do, was written 30 years ago by Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the founder of Taekwon-Do.

The book which is consisted of 15 volumes in all, gives comprehensive and systematic explanation on theoretical and practical issues of Taekwon-Do including its origination, history, philosophy and ideal, tenets, advantages, technical components, method of training and equipment, and examination of degree and gup promotion.

In the process of his research on Taekwon-Do from 1952 to 1983, Gen. Choi Hong Hi developed Taekwon-Do patterns into 24, whilst making philosophical clarifications to the essence, characteristics, mission and tenets inherent to the traditional martial art of Korea.

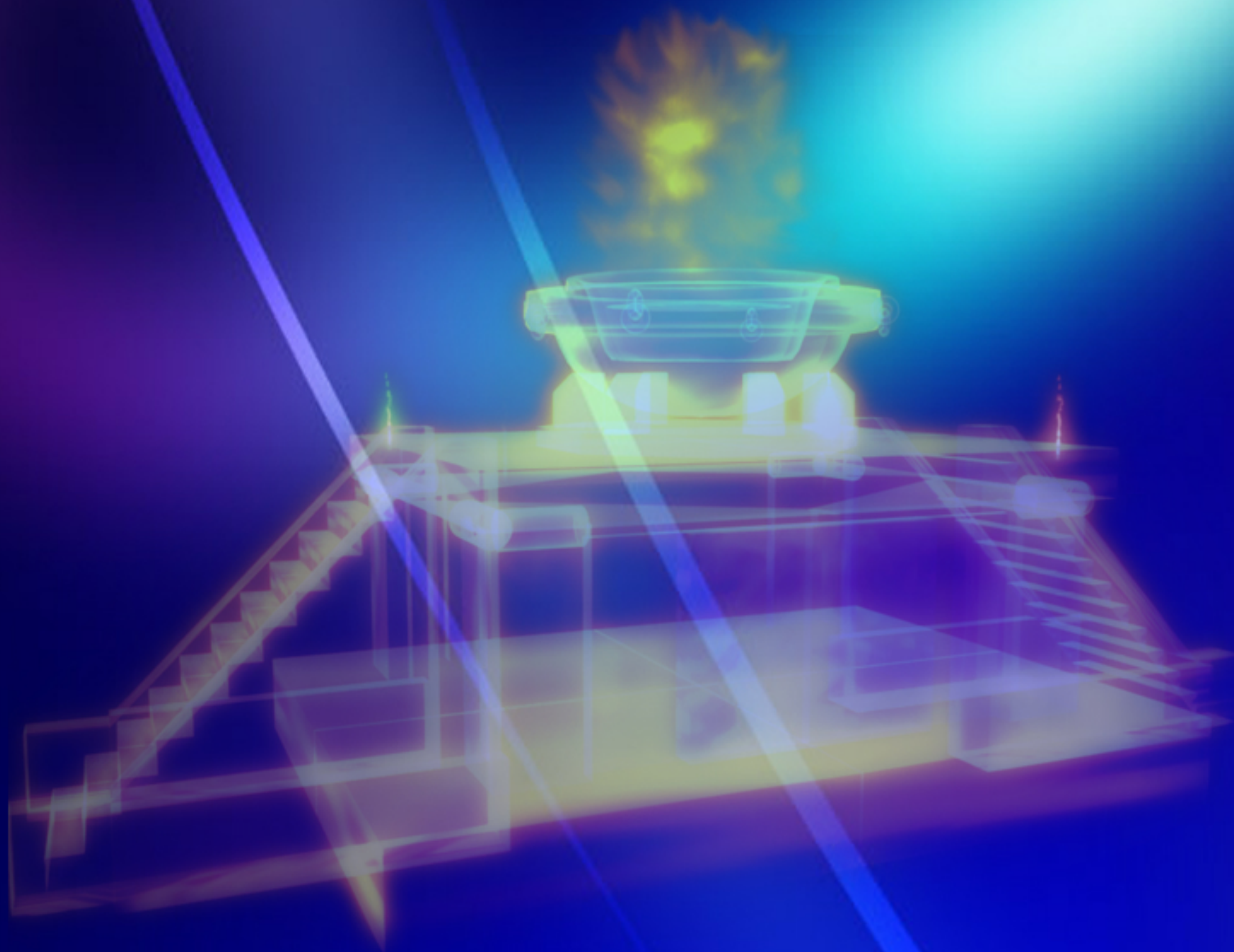
Based on thorough deliberations, the government of DPR Korea acknowledged the universal value of Taekwon-Do theory and techniques developed by Gen. Choi Hong Hi, and invested the fund to publish the first version of the encyclopedia (English version) in May 1985.

28 May marks the 30th anniversary of publication of the 1st version of Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia.

From 1985 to 2014, it was translated into English, Korean, Russian, Spanish, German, Chinese and other languages. From 1989, a book titled “Taekwon-Do”, the synthesized version that intensively integrated 15 volumes of Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia, was published, and thus making contributions to worldwide dissemination and extension of Taekwon-Do along with martial arts development of mankind.

The government of DPR Korea registered 15 volumes of Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia and “Taekwon-Do”, the synthesized version, on the list of the State Copyright.





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