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Martial Arts World

On the Occassion of

The IMGC Foundation Day

The International Martial Art Games Committee celebrated its 26th Founding Anniversary.

On September 2nd, 1999, 26 years ago, Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the first President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation, together with 20 delegates from Asia, Europe, America, Africa and Oceania, declared the foundation of the International Martial Art Games Committee in its Inaugural Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



The establishment of the International Martial Art Games Committee serves as a historic event that realized exchange and cooperation, friendship and solidarity among martial arts styles that were originated and developed with different historical backgrounds, so as to take the first print in its development to contribute to social progress and world peace.



In the course of sustainable development since its foundation, the International Martial Art Games Committee has been developed into the international governing body involving 19 International Martial arts Organizations and 45 National Martial Art Games Committees.

It has also held its 9 editions of International Martial Arts Games in great splendor in Asia, Europe and Oceania.

Greeting this meaningful day, Prof. GM. Ri Yong Son, President of the IMGC, and Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC and other EB members and heads of International Martial Arts Organizations and National Martial Art Games Committees exchanged congratulatory messages.

The Arab Martial Art Games Committee receives Official Recognition from the IMGC

The Arab Martial Art Games Committee headed by Prof. Walid Kassas, Vice President of the IMGC, was officially recognized by the IMGC as its regional body in July 2025.

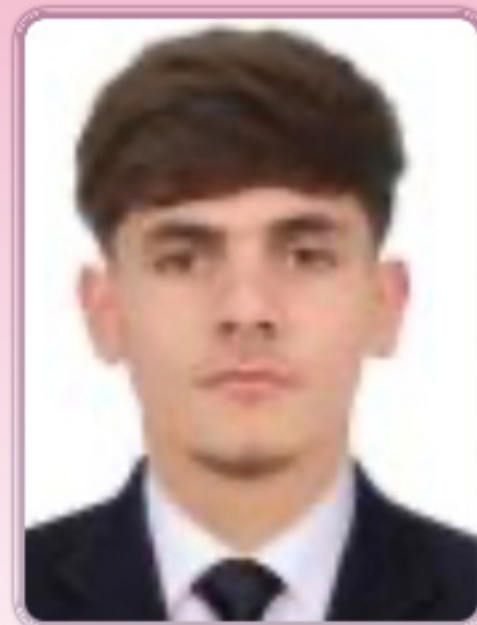
Hence, the Arab Martial Art Games Committee authorized by the IMGC to arrange all martial arts activities as well as legal ones, formally started its work, and as a part of its activity, it will hold its 7th Arab Kowat Alrami Championship in the coming November in Manama, Bahrain.



IMGC appointed the President of the Afghanistan National Martial Art Games Committee

The IMGC appointed Mr. Samir Rahmani to the post of the President of Afghanistan National Martial Art Games Committee under IMGC in September 2025.

The newly appointed President is authorized by the IMGC to organize and arrange all legal martial arts activities within the territory of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.



ACTIVITIES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

The IMGC is strengthening solidarity with the BRICS Sports Centre of International Alliance for Strategic Project.

The International Taekwon-Do Federation, one of core members of the IMGC, was invited to the BRICS Games to be held in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates from 23-29 June, 2026.



Master Laziz Khasanov, IMGC EB member and President of Uzbekistan National Martial Art Games Committee, is appointed to the post of Vice President of BRICS Sports Centre of International Alliance for Strategic Project and Official Representative of BRICS to Uzbekistan.

International Taekwon-Do Federation

The 2nd Southeast Asian Taekwon-Do ITF Championship-2025 was held from 27-30 June in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

200 athletes, coaches and officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam participated in the event.



International Jeet Kune Do Federation



Jeet Kune Do National Competition was held in Uzbekistan from 13-15 June with the attendance of 300 athletes and officials from Tashkent and 12 other cities.



Martial Arts Federation of DPR Korea

National Martial Arts All-star Competition was held from 7-18 July, over 550 athletes from all provinces of DPR Korea took part in the event to compete in Taekwon-Do, Karate, Wushu, Paduk/Go and Korean Chess disciplines.









Indian National Martial Art Federation



From 29-31 August, 20th South & West India Taekwon-Do ITF Championship 2025 was held at Mountfort Auditorium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. 540 athletes and officials from 9 states of India participated in the championship.

With the attendance of 4 969 athletes and officials from 184 schools and 69 clubs of Delhi, 36th Delhi State Junior, Adult, Senior and Veteran & 20th Delhi State Sub-Junior ITF Taekwon-Do Championship was held from 21-23 August in Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium.



Introduction

THE ROOT OF TAEKWON-DO

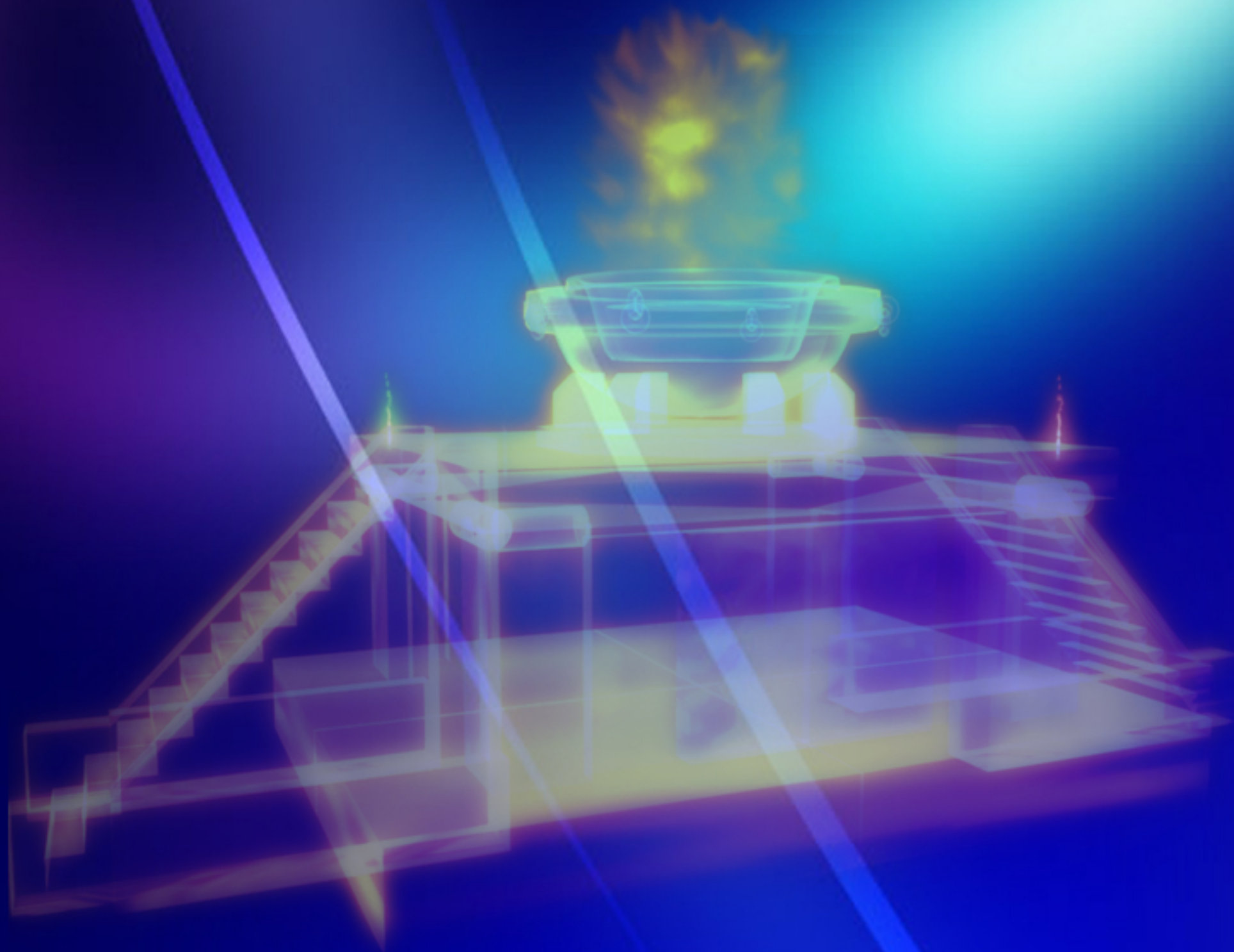
Pyongyang Taekyon

Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea, is a historical place where traditional culture of Korean Nation was originated and developed, and the cradle and homeland of Korean Martial Arts.

Pyongyang Taekyon is the root of Taekwon-Do.

That is, because Taekyon is traditional martial art of Korea originated and developed round Pyongyang as a center.

Also, the personnel, who nominated Taekwon-Do and established it, were practitioners of Taekyon, and thus, techniques of Taekwon-Do including kicks are based on Taekyon.



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