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# MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL



Dear colleagues and friends,

This year too, we had to tide over the challenges and trials of sustaining world health crisis to carve out way for ourselves. Despite such severe circumstances valuable successes have been gained in the work of IMGCC by the active efforts of a number of the International Federations(IFs) and National Martial Art Games Committees(NMGCs) and in this process we have learned significant experiences and lessons for a new stage of advancement.

We can take for example the championships or events that several IFs and NMGCs organized to suit to their conditions such as National Taekwon-Do ITF Championship in India, National Karate Championship in Russia, Ghetto Fights Championship in Latvia, Nijgadh City Cup National Martial Arts Festival in Nepal and European Taekwon-Do ITF Championship in Greece.

I highly appreciate the efforts of the leadership members and martial artists of our all member organizations who have find out the ways of new advance by displaying martial art spirit even in the global health crisis and extend my encouraging greetings to you.

Expressing my expectation that all our member organizations and martial artists will further play your proactive role in the martial arts activities including the forthcoming 9<sup>th</sup> IMG, I wish all of you stay healthy, safe and happy in your family for a coming new year.

With best regards,

Kim Myong Gun

Secretary General,

International Martial Art Games Committee





# PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES



Pof. Ri Yong Son, President of ITF and IMGC visited Russia from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

President Ri Yong Son met Mr. Oleg Matytsin, Minister of Sports of Russia and Mr. Odes Hasaevich Bajsultanov, Deputy Minister of Sports of Russia and discussed the matters concerned such as inclusion of ITF Taekwon-Do in the UNIVERSIAD and CIS Championship, governmental

support to the anticipated 9<sup>th</sup> IMG to be held in Cheboksary next year and so forth.

During his stay President Ri Yong Son participated in the Enlarged Executive Board Meeting of Russian Taekwon-Do Federation. He acquainted himself with the activities of the Federation and encouraged them to further enhance the role of ITF Taekwon-Do in Russia.

Prior to his visit, he attended the European Taekwon-Do ITF Championship-2021 and Congress of the European ITF Taekwon-Do Federation held in Crete, Greece from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of October.



## NEWS ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> IMG AHEAD

At present, date of the postponed 9<sup>th</sup> IMG were not yet confirmed due to the worsening of the anti-epidemic situation in Russia.

Last October 8, Sports Minister of Chuvash Republic proposed the opinion to the IMGC HQs that it would be better to determine the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG date as the pandemic situation would be eased in Russia.

As it is crucial to ensure the health and security of the participants in organizing the IMG, the IMGC HQs are stepping up the affair of confirming the IMG date with close contact with the Russian side while paying attention to the anti-epidemic situation.





# *News from* Martial Arts Organizations

*European Taekwon-Do ITF Championship-2021 was held in Crete, Greece from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of October.*

*The event organized as a continental event after the pandemic spread of Covid-19 was attended by 864 athletes from 25 countries in Europe. In the opening ceremony held at a new stadium of Heraklion "Dio Arokia" were present Vice Minister Leptaris Avgenakis of Greece Culture and Sports Ministry, ITF President Prof. Ri Yong Son, EITF President GM. Michael Prewette and representatives of Crete Region.*

*Meanwhile Congress of European ITF Taekwon-Do Federation was held on October 25.*





World Jiu-Jitsu Confederation (WJJC) member federations restarted their activities. WJJC is a Confederation consisting of many different jujitsu and similar martial arts federations, out of which the World Jiu Jitsu Federation (WJJF)/World Jiu Jitsu and Kobudo Federation (WJJKO) constitute the largest member federations.

WJJC President, Dr. Paul G Hoglund and WJJKO founder Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti were organizers of the 8<sup>th</sup> IMG held in Carrara, Italy.



WJJC President, Dr. Paul G Hoglund, had been active as President of the Swedish Martial Arts Federation in 1960s and as one of the founders of World Karate Federation in 1970s. He has been working as IMGVC Vice President since 2015.



**WJF and WJJKO organized seminar**





International Jendo Federation (IJF) in collaboration with the NMGC Philippines proposed the IMGCC HQs to host Asia Pacific Martial Arts Games in Philippines either in 2023 or 2024 as soon as global health crisis will be over.

IMGCC welcomed the proposal with the approval of IMGCC Executive Board members and agreed to send the HQs staff to Philippines at an appropriate time.

## *International Council of Sqay hosted the Sqay competition*





# *The 1<sup>st</sup> President Cup*

## *Taekwon-Do ITF Championship*



**Nepal National Martial Art Games Confederation** held the 1<sup>st</sup> President Cup Taekwon-Do ITF Championship in Kanepokhari, Morang on December 12 and 13. A total of 350 players from Morang, Sunsari, Udaipur and other provinces, President of Nepal Martial Art Games Confederation, President of Nepal ITF Taekwon-Do Association and other martial art-related officers, local governments officials and sports personalities were present in the event.



# Taekwon-Do Seminar



*Italian NMGC*

## *Czech ITF Taekwon-Do Association*



## *Taekwon-Do Association of India*





# NEWS IN BRIEF

Martial Art Organizations of Gambia and Senegal submitted application of admission to the IMGCO respectively.



Trinidad and Tobago requested to host the 10<sup>th</sup> IMG.







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