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From Editor

20 years have elapsed since the first edition of the IMGC magazine “Martial Art World” was published.

For the last 20 years, our magazine has positively contributed to the activities of the IMGC to preserve and develop all martial arts that are common wealth of humankind and that reflect history, culture and traditions of all nations along with the social development, to promote friendship and unity among all martial artists worldwide under the ideal of “Friendship, Cooperation, Development”, and to provide opportunities to demonstrate skills and abilities to the world through the International Martial Art Games. Thus it has become one of the favorite magazines among martial artists and fans all over the world.

On this meaningful occasion when we greet the 20th anniversary of the publication of the IMGC magazine “Martial Art World”, I would like to express deep thanks once again to you who have paid deep attention to its publication.

We, the “Martial Art World” Editorial department will continue our efforts to achieve unity of all martial artists in the world and contribute to the peace of the world. On this path we will value your mindless supports and advices, and further strengthen our cooperation with you.

“Martial Art World” Editorial department



Activities of the IMGC



In order to further strengthen and extend the scope of the IMGC, Mr. KIM Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC, President of the Asian Taekwon-Do Federation and President of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee had a discussion with the IMGC EB members on 10th of March on the issues of organizing the 9th IMG in 2024 and membership of the martial art organizations that applied for affiliation and so on.

In the discussion, they talked about the venue and season for the 9th IMG in 2024 and assistance membership of the organizations applied for the affiliation with the IMGC. They decided to discuss these items again in the IMGC EB meeting to be held in May on the basis of deep research on the conditions and feasibilities of the 9th IMG candidates.

Along with this, they decided to accept the World Alpabut Federation and martial art organizations of Gambia, Senegal and Algeria as assistance members of the IMGC. After that, Mr Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC, sent the congratulatory messages to the representatives of new member organizations and they expressed their will to contribute to the development of the IMGC by positively taking part in the IMGC activities.



The 9th IMG-Related News

According to the IMGC statutes, the IMG which takes place every 2 years is a unique stage to give the IMGC members and all martial art organizations who hope to take part in the Games the chance to show their skills, abilities and their values in the world, thus its popularity and zeal to take part in the games are growing more and more.

Since its 1st IMG held in Pyongyang, DPRK, 2004 the IMGC has successfully organized 8 IMGs so far.

The 9th IMG that was postponed several times due to pandemic crisis which brought catastrophic disaster to humankind is going to take place in 2024.

This mega event will be recorded in the development history of martial art as an occasion to strengthen the Friendship and Cooperation among martial artists around the world and vigorously promote the development of martial art.

IMGC

Application to host of the 9th IMG in 2024

The World Alpabut Federation and Azerbaijan Martial Art Games Federation applied the IMGC to host the 9th International Martial Art Games (IMG) in Baku, Azerbaijan, 2024.

Also, the World Pahuyuth Federation applied the IMGC to host the 9th IMG in Iran, 2024.

The applications will be submitted to the IMGC EB with written investigations and be decided.



Activities of the member organizations



**XXII ITF
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#WELCOME

Dear ITF Leaders, Grand Masters and Masters,
Dear NGB Presidents and Participants,

With the support from the Office of the President of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Kazakhstan and the City Mayor of Astana, the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) and the Kazakhstan Taekwon-Do ITF Association herewith welcomes you to the 22nd ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships in the Capital of Kazakhstan, the City of Astana.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in August, 2023.

Sincerely Yours in Taekwon-Do,

Yerlan Isakshiev
Chairman, Organizing Committee
President, Kazakhstan Taekwon-Do ITF Association



From the ITF

The 22nd ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships will be held from 18th to 26th of August, 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan.



From the WKC

The 11th WKC European Championship for cadets, juniors and seniors and the European Cup will take place from 5th to 8th of May, 2023 in Antalya, Turkey.



Activities of the member organizations

From the International Jendo Federation(IJF)



The IMGCC APMAG 2023 – planning committee meeting held on 17th –18th of Dec. 2022.

GM Prof. Jonathan Makiling, President of the International Jendo Federation, Mrs. Teresita Biscaro, Secretary General of the International Jendo Federation and Jendo Philippines Association Chairperson and other concerned staff attended in the meeting. They unanimously proposed the Honorable City Mayor of Mandaluyong to lead the IMGCC – APMAG 2023 – as Project Honorary Chairman.

From the World Pahuyuth Federation(WPF)

The World Pahuyuth Federation invited the IMGCC staff to the” WPF WORLD CUP” to be held from 17th to 21st of May, 2023 in the beautiful city of Ramsar which is located around the Caspian Sea in the north of Iran.



Activities of the member organizations

From the World Federation of Kowat Alrami & Self Defense (WFKA)



The 1st Gulf Open Championship in Kuwait dated from 26th to 29th of January 2023 was conducted by Prof. Dr. Walid Kassas, IMGC EB member and President of World Federation of Kowat Alrami & Self Defense.

From International Sqay Council (ISC)

The 23rd National Sqay Championship was held from 30th of Dec, 2022 to 2nd of Jan, 2023 in Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, India.



FROM INDIA MARTIAL ART GAMES FEDERATION

The 37th National Taekwon-Do ITF Championship 2022 and the 24th National Umpire Seminar were held successfully from 27th to 30th of Dec, 2022 at Thyagraj Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, India.

Taekwon-Do Federation of Delhi organized the event and over 1000 participants from 25 states of India took part in it. During the event, the 38th Taekwon-Do Association of India (TAI) Congress was held.



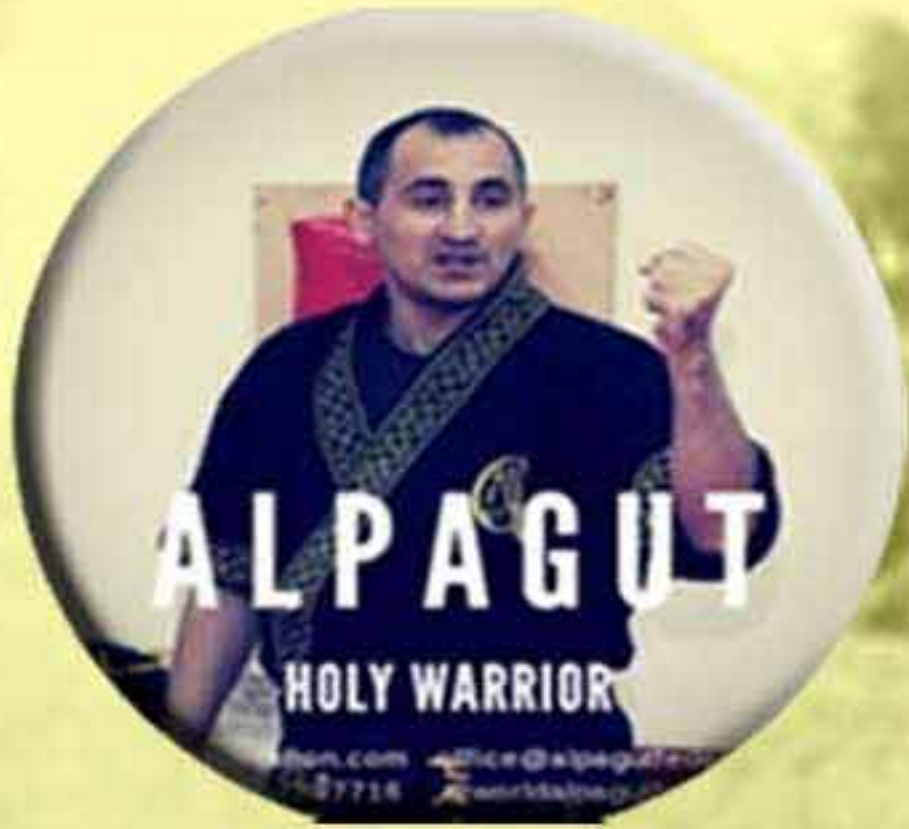


GÖTEBORG TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Göteborg Taekwon-Do Championships were held on the 29th of November at Valhalla Sports hall in Göteborg. More than 100 competitors from Sweden and Norway took part in the Championships.

The Göteborg Taekwon-Do Championships are held annually since 1986.





World Alpagut Federation (WAF)

The word “Alpagut” can be found in the first dictionary of the ancient Turkey written by Mahmoud Kashgaria in Baghdad in the 11th century.

Many historians have given to the word “Alpagut” different values but its primary sense has not been changed.

“Alpa” means braveness, courage, love and power and “Gut” means the Holiness.

Alpagut is a martial art which synthesized the style of Turkic peoples from ancient times to the present day with modern combat system and reflects the Turkish culture.

The person to be qualified the name of “Kutsan” is considered as a master recognized internationally.

The founder of the Alpogut martial art is Mr. Namazov Vasif, International level sports master, researcher of Turkic martial arts and Secretary General of Association of Federation of Fighting of Azerbaijan.

The World Alpogut Federation (WAF) was founded on 12th of Feb, 2014 and elected Ms. Jala Ahmadova, Deputy of the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan a President of the WAF, and Ms. Konul Nurullayeva, Deputy of the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan a first President of WAF and re-elected Mr. Vasif Namazov a Chairman of the Board of the WAF in the Extraordinary Congress held on 30th of August, 2022.

The WAF has its member organizations and representatives in 47 countries and regions.

The WAF applied for the IMGC membership to the IMGC.



ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ART FUND (IMAF)

The International Martial Art Fund (IMAF) headquartered in Pyongyang, DPR Korea is a supporter's organization which aims to give financial supports to IMG's martial art events including the IMGs and other international activities to preserve and develop the martial art, common wealth of humankind, that reflects the history, tradition and culture of certain countries and nations along with social progress.

The IMAF welcomes all donors who want to give contribution to the development of martial art regardless of the quantity and scale of the donation, invites exemplary donors to the IMGs as VIPs and give preferential rights including tourist service to scenic spots in DPR Korea, martial art training and so on.

The IMAF has supported actively the IMG's activities under the ideal of "Friendship, Cooperation, Development" so far and from its object to contribute to the sound development of martial arts, it gains great support and encouragement from many contributors. Now the IMAF is running its fund-raising according to the plan to support the 9th International Martial Art Games to be held in 2024. Any organization or person who loves martial art can join in this worldwide project.

The IMAF will always welcome you and try to do its best to deepen the mutual understanding and goodwill in the future, too.





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