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# Speech of the President



Dear Friends,

We had a great pleasure to meet in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan in August this year after surviving the global health crisis. I, on behalf of the International Martial Art Games Committee(IMGC), highly appreciate the efforts of the heads of international martial arts organizations and martial artists to fully demonstrate the indomitable spirit even in the global catastrophe and extend heartfelt thanks.

We are going to organize the 9<sup>th</sup> International Martial Arts Games(IMG) in 2024 in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan according to the decision of the Executive Board of the IMGC.

The Uzbekistan Organizing Committee has expressed its intention to do its best for the success of the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG and it is in active progress.

With firm belief that the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG would be held remarkably and remain in the memories of all participants I look forward to seeing my dear friends in the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG.

I hope that in the future all IMGC members and martial artists will be in the van of the international community in the struggle to safeguard the global peace and justice as before.

I sincerely wish all of you a good health and all of your families a comfort and happiness in the new year.

With best regards.

Prof. Ri Yong Son

President, International Martial Art Games Committee





# IMGC Headquarters' Activities

Prof. Ri Yong Son, President of the IMGC, visited the IMGC HQs on November 7, 2023. At the meeting with the secretariat staff he reviewed their work with the IMGC member organizations during the global pandemic crisis which witnessed many difficulties and mentioned the organizing of the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG and other current issues arising in the IMGC.



Also he pointed out the issue of giving the top priority to the activities of diffusion and public information in the IMGC work as well as further reinforcing it, and the issue of briskly conducting the work of the International Martial Arts Fund.

Marking the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the former President of the IMGC and the President of the ITF, Prof. Ri Yong Son, President of the IMGC, Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC, staff of the IMGC HQs and Taekwon-Do figures visited his grave which lies in state in the Sinmiri Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPR Korea to present a bouquet and pay homage to him. And then they visited Taekwon-Do Holy Centre.







On November 15, 2023 Prof. Ri Yong Son, the President of the IMGC, and Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC, met Mr. Oleg Matytsin, the Minister of Russian Ministry of Sports at the Taekwon-Do Palace located in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea.



They looked around the Taekwon-Do Palace and enjoyed the Taekwon-Do demonstration.

The Minister of Russian Ministry of Sports said that the ITF Taekwon-Do is a true Martial Art and he was very impressed during his visit to DPR Korea, the motherland of Taekwon-Do.

Prof. Ri Yong Son, the IMGC President and the Minister of Russian Ministry of Sports discussed the issues of future cooperation in Taekwon-Do field between ITF and Russian Ministry of Sports, and reached an affirmative agreement each other in this regard.









# INVITATION

I am sincerely glad to welcome the leaders of the world sports community, heads of international martial art organizations and outstanding athletes.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I invite all of you to the 9<sup>th</sup> International Martial Arts Games (IMG) to be held in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.



Tashkent is the City with a long history, ancient traditions and one of the most comfortable cities in Central Asia. Sports infrastructure of the city is ready for the highlevel competitions.

I assure you that the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG will be a good opportunity for the thousands of athletes from different disciplines to share their experiences, friendships and new ideas.

We guarantee that the competitions will be held at the level of high quality, and we are ready to show the world the beauty of our city and fortitude of outstanding athletes.

Master Laziz Khasanov (MP),

Chairman of the Organising Committee



Venue: Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan

Tashkent is the capital city of Uzbekistan. It was noted for its tree-lined streets, numerous fountains, and pleasant parks.

In Tashkent, there are many old architectural structures that show talents and wisdom of Uzbeks and new modern buildings that go well with the stream as well.

And there are also multifunctional sports and entertainment facilities including Yunusobod Sport Complex that are built to keep the requirements of the international sports federations.







## Transportation:

Tashkent International Airport (Yuzhniy(TAS IATA), Uzbek: Toshkent Xalqaro Aeroporti), Sergeli District (Located: just a few kilometres south from the city centre.) The airport has two terminals, domestic (Terminal 3) and international (Terminal 2) on opposite sides of the airfield.



## Weather:





As Tashkent steps into November, winter starts to cast its preliminary shadows.

With November's arrival, Tashkent sees a decrease in average high-temperatures, moving from a pleasant 21.8°C in October to a refreshing 14.9°C and the average relative humidity is 66%.

The average sunshine in November is 5 hours and the rain falls for 7 days and regularly aggregates up to 41mm of precipitation.

Competition:

Taekwon-Do(ITF), Karate, Kowart Alrami, Muay, Pangration, Kick Boxing, Pahuyuth, Mixed Martial Arts(MMA), Oriental, Tai Chi Chuan, Judo, Jiu-jitsu, Jendo, Toa, Jang San'Ati, Kurash, Alpagut, Sqay, Self-Defence

Demonstration:

Any team of any Martial arts is encouraged to conduct demonstrations and particularly the traditional demonstrations inherent to any regional and country are welcome.

The duration of demonstration should not exceed 7 minutes.

Sports Venue:

Yunusobod Sport Complex







## ***International Taekwon-Do Federation***

India Taekwon-Do Association organized its “80<sup>th</sup> National Taekwon-Do ITF Technical / Theory Seminar” at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi, India from 14 to 15 October, 2023.



The 19<sup>th</sup> UAE ITF TAEKWON-DO Technical Seminar was held successfully at Manipal Academy of Higher Education Dubai Campus on October 28, 2023.

70 students participated in the seminar.





# WORLD FEDERATION OF JU-JITSU



The World Federation of Ju-Jitsu organized a Hokutoryu ju-jitsu seminar in Riihimaki, Finland from 3 to 5 November, 2023. The camp was attended by a total of 450 players.

## DPR KOREA MARTIAL ARTS FEDERATION

The Taekwon-Do Technical Seminar for Ministry & Central Organ officials was held from 15 to 23 November, 2023 in Taekwon-Do Holy Center of DPR Korea.

In the seminar took part over 230 related officials, and were introduced some methods of Taekwon-Do including fundamental movement, pattern and theory.







# **EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2024**

- The Torch Lighting Ceremony for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG in June 2024 in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> IMG in November 2024 in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan
- The 11<sup>th</sup> IMGCC Congress in November 2024 in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan



*Happy*

*New Year!*

*2024*





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