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# Martial Arts World



IMGGC



# 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 wishing to all of you and your family happy life in good health as well as great success in your endeavor for developing martial arts.

We will organize the 9<sup>th</sup> International Martial Arts Games (IMG) in November this year, in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my firm confidence that the 9<sup>th</sup> International Martial Arts Games of this meaningful year which coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) will be recorded as a remarkable event in its history while remaining unforgettable in the memories of all the participants.

Amid great interest of Uzbekistan Government, the IMGC and Uzbekistan Organizing Committee (OC) are proceeding their preparatory work for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG at a good pace.

I, the Secretary General of the IMGC, will always bear my responsibility and obligations befitting the course of developing martial arts in cooperation with my friends, martial artists.

Let us hold, then, to our mission and obligations endowed with the times in our honorable work to secure the authority and prestige of the IMGC to be a powerful international organization going ahead for a just and peaceful world impersonating the ideal of "Friendship, Cooperation, Development".

Kim Myong Gun

Secretary General, International Martial Art Games Committee

## Brief Introduction on Deputy-Secretary General, IMGC

Prof. Ri Yong Son, the IMGC and the ITF President, appointed Prof. Kim Sung Hwan, who has worked long in martial arts field holding the posts of ITF Executive Director and Secretary General respectively, to the post of the Deputy-Secretary General, IMGC.







# Preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG

The IMGC HQs officials, in close contact with its member martial arts organizations as well as with the OC, are working on the preparation to definitely settle the disciplines of the concerned martial arts styles and their competitions titles and to provide satisfactory conditions for relevant competitions.



The Uzbekistan Organizing Committee for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG (OC) in close cooperation with the IMGC HQ has obtained the official approval for the Event from the Ministry of Sports of Uzbekistan and the National Olympic Committee while undertaking its preparation for the Games in full swing.





Prof. Dr. Walid Kassas, IMGEC EB member and the President of the World Federation of Kowat Alrami and Self-Defence is making strenuous efforts to ensure that the World Pan Amateur Kickboxing Association and the International Self-Defence Organization take part in the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG.



## TASHKENT

At present, the International Taekwon-Do Federation(ITF), the World Karate Confederation(WKC/FW), the World Federation of Kowat Alrami and Self-Defence and so forth 18 International Martial Arts Organizations have expressed their intentions to take part in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Martial Arts Games.



**IMGC member organizations are actively undertaking regional preparations for the success of the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG.**

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



A meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea to revise tournament and umpire rules of the ITF.

Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Senior Vice-President of the ITF, Master Kim Jong Chol,

Deputy Chairperson of Umpire Committee, Master Kim Yong Bin, Deputy Chairperson of Tournament Committee, Master Jang Kyong Ok, Deputy Chairperson of Woman Committee and other officials concerned were present at the meeting.

The meeting dealt with the issues of developing Taekwon-Do competitions into a popular sport which is more dynamic and spectacular by revising the ITF's competition and umpire rules and decided to submit the draft to be under discussion in the ITF EB meeting to be held in June, 2024.



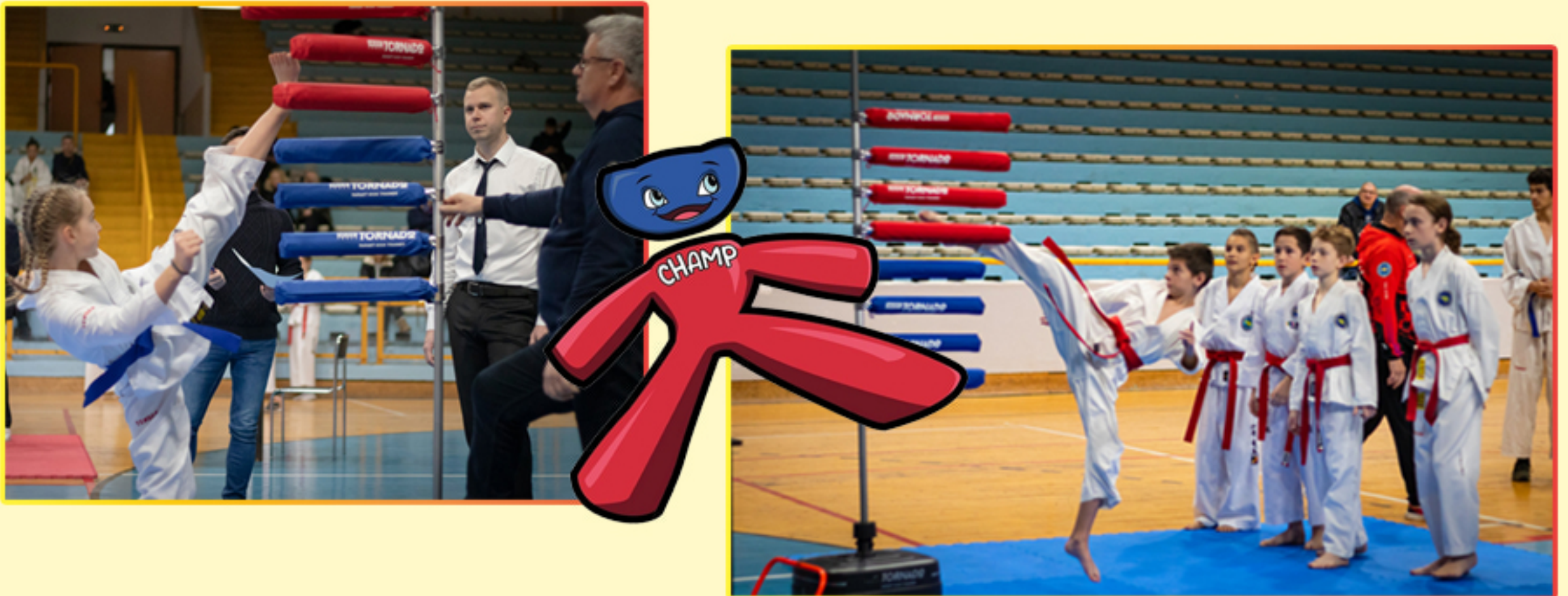
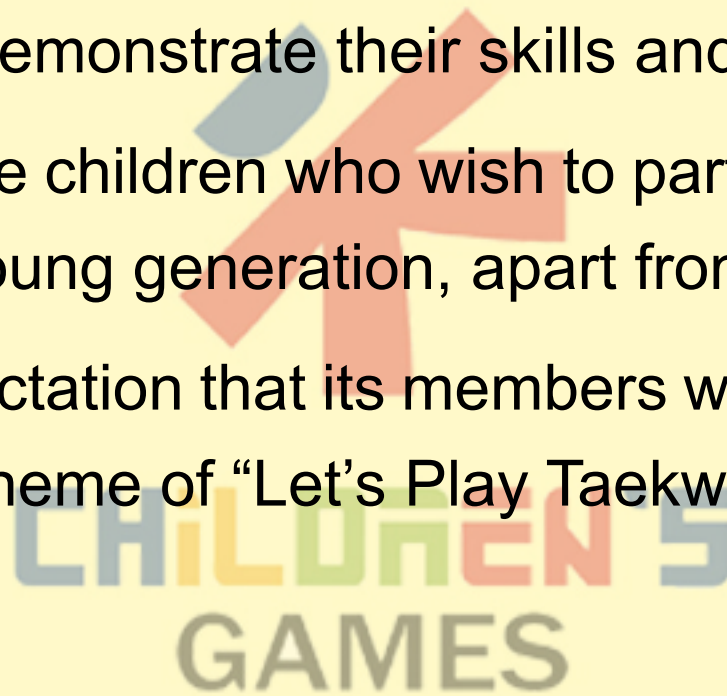


The ITF announced all its NGBs and associate members to organize “Children’s Games”.

The ITF assured that the “Children’s Games” entitled “Let’s play Taekwon-Do” would provide children the chances to take part in martial arts competitions while encouraging them to fully demonstrate their skills and talents through competitions.

This Games will invite all the children who wish to participate so as to achieve unity and harmony among the young generation, apart from Taekwon-Do.

The ITF expressed its expectation that its members would take an active part in the children’s games with the theme of “Let’s Play Taekwon-Do” adding vigor to it.



## Annual Schedule for the year 2024.

1. International Taekwon-Do Open Championship 2024  
29<sup>th</sup> Feb. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 2024 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2. Green, Blue & Red Belts Challenge “Riga Open” 2024  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 2024 Riga, Latvia
3. Marek Lazor Memorial - CZECH OPEN 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 2024 Prague, Czech
4. Child & Youth Taekwon-Do Games "Baltic Tiges cup 2024"  
6<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2024 Riga, Latvia



5. 2024 EITF European Taekwon-Do Championship  
15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Apr. 2024 Koper, Slovenia
6. Balt Cup 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 Tallinn, Estonia
7. Barletta Challenge Taekwon-Do ITF 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 Barletta, Italy
8. 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix Srpski Soko  
25<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 Zvornik, Bosnia & Herzegovina
9. International Tournament ANTID Champions Cup 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2024 Santiago de los Cabaleros, Dominica
10. 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Taekwon-Do ITF Championships  
19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2024 Bengaluru, India
11. Children Tournament for cup of Pleven  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024 Pleven, Bulgaria
12. European Challenge Tournament Amber Cup 2024  
12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024 Riga, Latvia
13. World Cup Taekwon-Do Games 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 Tashkent, Uzbekistan



## World Karate Confederation

The Asian Open Championships for cadets, juniors and seniors and Asian Open Championship for children in karate WKC were held in Taraz, Republic of Kazakhstan from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023.

527 athletes from 15 countries took part in this tournament.





The WKC Pan American Karate Championship was held in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023.

The Championship held in unfavorable weather condition due to high temperature and humidity inside and outside the stadium, was performed in cadets, juniors and veteran categories.

The most impressive part of the Championship was the competition of veterans aged 70 - 100.

When they performed healthily and energetically despite their old age, the spectators were deeply impressed.



## WKC/FW Calendar of Sports Events for 2024.

1. WKC Eurasia Cup for children, cadets, juniors, seniors  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr. - 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2024     Antalya, Turkey
2. WKC Open African Championship for cadets, juniors, seniors and Open African Cup for children  
August 2024     South Africa
3. WKC World Cup for children, cadets, juniors, seniors  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024     Tashkent, Uzbekistan





# ***World Federation of Kowat Alrami and Self-Defence***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf Kowat Alrami Championship was held in Kuwait from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024.



## **Event Schedule of WFKA for 2024.**

1. 8<sup>th</sup> Arab Cup and Championships  
June, 2024      Lebanon
2. Professional WFKA - AFKA Titles  
August, 2024      Lebanon
3. 10<sup>th</sup> World Championship  
November, 2024      Uzbekistan





# World Pahuyuth Federation

## WPF Calendar for 2024.

1. Asian Pahuyuth Championships  
July, 2024 Baghdad, Iraq
2. WPF World Championships  
November, 2024 Tashkent, Uzbekistan



## International Oriental Martial Arts Federation

## IOMAF Calendar for 2024.

1. World Cup  
May, 2024 Turkey
2. World Cup Mixed Martial Arts «Star Fighter»  
5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 Anapa, Russia
3. World Humanitarian Games  
October, 2024 Moscow, Russia
4. IOMAF World Championship  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 Tashkent, Uzbekistan



## International Council of Sqay

## Annual Schedule for 2024.

1. Tri-Nation  
February, 2024 Nepal
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Championship  
August, 2024 Sri Lanka
3. 4<sup>th</sup> World Championship  
November, 2024 Uzbekistan







# **The Torch Lighting Ceremony**

## **for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG**

The Torch Lighting Ceremony for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG will be held in mid-June in Pyongyang, DPR Korea where is sieged the IMGC HQs.

Every year in June when Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the founder of the IMGC and the ITF, passed away we find ourselves indulged in the reminiscences of him.



Gen. Choi Hong Hi used to say that it was his great pleasure and pride to found the IMGC with his martial artists for future generations as well as contemporaries, emphasizing that martial art is aimed to cultivate moral culture to win oneself rather than defeat the opponent as well as develop strong physical capability to prevent any kind of fights by dint of justice.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi who left his name behind in the world of martial arts, still remain deep in the hearts of all us along with the IMGC and Taekwon-Do, the world's leading martial art.

Mr. Laziz Khasanov, Chairman of the OC and his people, IMGC EB members, delegates of diplomatic missions and international organizations to DPR Korea and more than thousand martial art enthusiasts and Pyongyang citizens will participate in the coming event of kindling the torch which will be trans-ignited at the Opening Ceremony for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG to be held in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024.

The Torch Lighting Ceremony for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG in Pyongyang, the centre of the world martial arts, this meaningful year that marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the IMGC will serve as another significant occasion for the IMGC in its efforts to contribute to the world peace by developing martial arts in sound and harmonious manner standing for the ideal of "Friendship, Cooperation, Development".

The torch that will be blazing up in the night sky over the beautiful city, Pyongyang in June will spread as far as over the sky Tashkent where the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG will take place while imbuing martial artists and enthusiasts with boundless delight and excitement.

Looking forward to seeing you in June in Pyongyang...







# THE IMGC

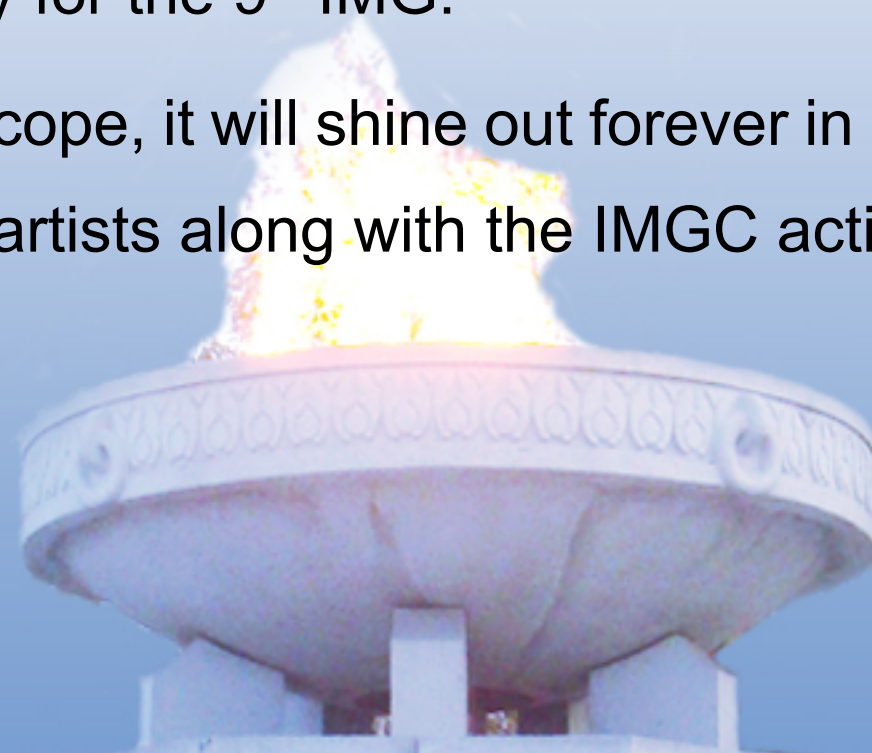
## Torch Lighting Tower

**T**he Martial Arts Torch Lighting Tower standing in Pyongyang, the capital city of DPR Korea, where the headquarter of the IMGC is sieged is both the intellectual and material property of the IMGC as it is the architectural structure of great significance which is used to kindle the torch to be ignited at the Opening Ceremonies of the IMGs.

Since its first Torch Lighting Ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> IMG in 2004, the tower has served as the kindling place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> IMG in Pyongyang, the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, the 4<sup>th</sup> in Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia, the 5<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Australia, the 6<sup>th</sup> in New Delhi, the capital city of India, the 7<sup>th</sup> in Minsk, the capital city of Belarus, the 8<sup>th</sup> in Carrara, Italy.

And again in mid-June this year, it will make another contribution to the splendid Torch Lighting Ceremony for the 9<sup>th</sup> IMG.

Though desirable in its scope, it will shine out forever in its history as well as in the hearts of honest martial artists along with the IMGC activities.







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