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**The 13<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the first ITF President was held in grand style in Pyongyang, DPRK, the Capital City of the motherland of Taekwon-Do.**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the former ITF President was held between June 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Pyongyang, the capital of the motherland of Taekwon-Do.





A total number of 45 participants from 12 countries such as Greenland, Great Britain, India, Bulgaria and China including Senior Grand Master Leong Wai Meng, the ITF Vice President, Senior Master Michael Prewett, the EITF President and the ITF EB members, Presidents of NGBs, TKD instructors and practitioners, visited Pyongyang in order to participate in the memorial service.

The memorial service was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the grave yard of Gen. Choi Hong Hi in the Patriotic Martyrs' Cemetery in Pyongyang.





Participants laid the flowers and floral wreaths in the name of ITF, Korean TKD Committee, IMGC, on the grave and paid a one minute silent tribute to the memory of Gen. Choi Hong Hi. Prof. Chang Ung made a memorial address.





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After the memorial service the participants watched the video recordings of Gen. Choi Hong Hi giving lectures in the last period of his life, the funeral service of Gen. Choi and several memorial services held in memory of him and enjoyed the TKD demonstration at the Taekwon-

Do Palace.

In the afternoon they looked around the Taekwon-Do Holy Center including Taekwon-Do History Hall, Relics Room of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, and the exhibition of the photos and activity records of the people who have made unforgettable merits for the original TKD and the ITF.







In the evening a dinner party was held in the name of the Cabinet of the DPR Korea was at Okryu Restaurant.

His Excellency Mr. Kim Yong Jin, the vice prime minister of the Cabinet of the DPR Korea participated in the party and there were speeches made by Mr. Kim Kyong Ho, the President of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee and SGM Leong Wai Meng, the Vice President of the ITF.



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, His Excellency Mr. Kim Yong Nam, the President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPR Korea had a talk with SGM Leong Wai Meng, SM Michael Prewett, SM Rajendran Balan, Master Mario Bogdanov, SM Tan Chek Si, Master Victor Poternak, Mr. Vergiliy Hristov Sitnilsky, Mr. Abdu Rahiman at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in an amicable atmosphere.





Before the talk, they had a souvenir photo taken together.



During their stay in Pyongyang, the participants visited several places including the old home of President Kim Il Sung at Mangyongdae, Mansudae Art Studio, Rungra Dolphinarium, Munsu Water Park, Pyongyang Folklore Park, Museum of the Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, etc.





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The participants expressed their sincere gratitude for the significant organization of the 13<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the founder of TKD and the first president of the ITF and their will to

continue their best for the development of the original TKD and the ITF as wished by our beloved founder.

## **Memorial Address** **(Integral text presented by Prof. Dr. Chang UNG)**

Dear Taekwon-Doists and people concerned attending this ceremony!  
Today we have an opportunity to pay deep respect to the Late Gen. Choi Hong Hi on the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for him who is the first President of the International TKD Federation and the teacher of all the Taekwon-Doists of the whole world.



Meeting this day full of pain of parting we come to remember Gen. Choi Hong Hi who devoted all his life to TKD.  
Gen. Choi Hong Hi who was born on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1918, in Ryongwon ri, Hwatae county, N. Hamgyong Prov., Korea, keenly feeling the sorrow of the

enslaved nation from his early childhood, cherished an ambition to demonstrate the resourcefulness and talent of the Korean nation to the world. With that ambition and after decades of experience and labored study Gen. Choi Hong Hi at last founded Taekwon-Do associated with the firm mettle and soul of the Korean nation.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi who founded TKD on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1955, 60 years ago, exerted all his efforts to develop TKD into a more scientific martial art and to promote it to the entire humankind.

As we look back with passionate recollection on the days when he authored the TKD encyclopaedia breaking thorough the overlapping bottlenecks and difficulties, on the moving moments when he conducted his last course in Denver despite of the old age and even suffering from an incurable disease and left his last words to all the Taekwon-Doists of the world, we could know that Gen. Choi Hong Hi loved and valued TKD more than his own life.

The merits and endless devotion of Gen. Choi who founded TKD and did not spare anything for the development of original TKD to the last moment of his life will always remembered by the ITF and the entire Taekwon-Doists of the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Availing myself of this opportunity I would like to appeal from the bottom of my heart to all of you to keep deep in mind our important and honorable mission and obligations entrusted by the thousands of TKDists and TKD lovers and to spare no wisdom, energy and enthusiasm for the consolidation of the ITF and for the world-wide promotion of the original TKD.

Though Gen. Choi Hong Hi passed away, feats he performed with all his heart and soul and the legacy he left for our TKDists will shine forth for ever and his aspiration for a peaceful world will be realized by the concerted efforts of the entire TKDists of the world without fail.

In conclusion, I herewith pray for the repose of the late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the founder of TKD and a teacher for all the TKDists of the world and revere the memory of him with my pure heart.

Thank you.